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INTRODUCTION.

In 1878, the undersigned was applied to by Henry Towne, Esq. (*No. 783*), a member of the Board of Trade, of Chicago, to arrange the Genealogical Memoranda of the "ANCESTRY and DESCENDANTS" of the late John Towne, Esq. (*No. 776*), of Georgia, Vt., for publication, in pamphlet form, for private distribution; from family records and memoranda in possession of the family. An examination of the published vols. of the New Eng. Hist. and Gen. Reg., Vols. xx and xxi, revealed a wealth of information, relative to the early history of the family, both in England and America, that, altho it did not give the line of my employer below his great grandfather, yet served to awaken fresh interest in the subject.

A copy of this little pamphlet, of only sixteen pages, coming to the notice of A. N. Towne, Esq. (*659*), general superintendent of the Central Pacific Railroad, at San Francisco, led to an application from him, through Mr. Henry Towne, for information relative to his line, from the common Ancestor. An examination of the published memoranda of the late Wm. B. Towne soon showed his line of descent, from a brother of the ancestor of Mr. Henry Towne, in the 2d American generation. As in the former case, the published memoranda was only brought down to

the fourth generation; it became necessary to visit New England, to consult the Town and Probate Records of S. W., Mass., and N. E., Conn.

The courtesy of John Ward Dean, Esq., librarian of the N.-E. H. G. Soc., in allowing comparison of material already collected with the unpublished memoranda of the fifth and and sixth generations of the family, greatly facilitated inquiries necessary to establish this line as well as that of the late John Towne, Esq. (*No. 732*), of Philadelphia. The result of these efforts is herewith submitted to the present generation of the "Descendants of WILLIAM TOWNE and JOANNA BLESSING," with the sincere wish that, with all its imperfections, it may stimulate others to continue investigations, until a collection shall be gathered worthy of the name.

EDWIN HUBBARD,
COMPILER.

Chicago, Ill., August, 1880.

Although this pamphlet is intended mainly for private distribution, yet a few copies may be retained in the hands of the Compiler, in order that any one who may find the name of a parent or grandparent, in the published list, and shall desire to have any line brought down to the present time, may have the same printed, in the form of PART FOUR. or Appendix, and have the same bound up with the first three parts. Application for this may be made to the Compiler.

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TOWNE FAMILY.

PART ONE.

HISTORICAL MEMORANDA

OF THE NAME IN ENGLAND, FROM A.D. 1274 TO 1630.

Copied from the *New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, vol. xx, p. 367, and vol. xxi, p. 12–15, as published by the late WM. B. TOWNE, Esq., of Milford, N.H.

The name of TOWNE, or *Town* and *Towns*, as it is sometimes spelt, is not one of frequent occurrence.* It may, however, be found here and there, generally in communities of Anglo-Saxon derivation, and though surnames began to be used in England about the time of the Norman Conquest, and, from century to century, for three or four centuries, continued to be adopted till they came into general use, this name does not seem to be one that met with much favor.

The earliest existence of it, known to the writer, is A.D. 1274, when William de la Towne, of Alvely, a village in Shropshire, about twenty miles South-east of Shrewsbury, the capital of the county, was, at that time, engaged in the prosecution of a suit-at-law against one of the officers of

* The remark that "The name is not one of frequent occurrence" is probably true, as regards the name in England; yet, in this country, it is believed there are few families deriving their name from a single pair, that can show a larger number of descendants than "WILLIAM[1] and JOANNA *(Blessing)* TOWNE, of SALEM, MASS." Counting only the descendants of the TOWNE daughters, of the first and second generations, a list of more than ten thousand might easily be made out, without coming down later than the earlier portion of the nineteenth century.—E. H.

the parish, and the year following was on a jury at Astley, in the same county.

The next we hear of the name, is one hundred and thirty or forty years later, in the reign of Henry IV., when upon the windows of the Church in Kennington, Kent Co., impaled with that of Ellis of the same place, were the arms of a family by this name, being *argent, on a chevron, sable, three cross-crosslets, ermine.* Thomas at Towne, who, at this time, possessed much land about Charing, and who bore the same coat of arms, married Benedicta, only daughter of John Brampton, *alias* Detling, of Detling Court, and thereby inherited a manor in Throwley, where he removed, and erected a seat about one-fourth of mile from the church, and named it "Towne Place," soon after which he died, leaving his possessions to three daughters, co-heiresses.

Of these, Eleanor married Richard Lewknor, of Challock; Bennet, or Benedicta married William Watton, of Addington, and Elizabeth became the wife of Wm. Sondes, of the same parish.

The estate was divided about A.D. 1446, when Throwley was allotted to Eleanor, the wife of Richard Lewknor.

From the manner of the division, it is quite evident that he died without leaving descendants to transmit his name to posterity. The next reference to the name, known to the writer, is in the county of Lincoln, where it has existed for more than four hundred years. In A.D. 1459, William Town, D.D., was collated (*i.e., became clergyman of the parish*), at Stow in Lindsey, in this county; and in A.D. 1470, he was appointed Almoner to King Henry VI., in accordance with the following commission, the original of which is in Latin. "*Concerning the goods of such as commit suicide, and the collection of things given or forfeited to God.*"

The KING to all, to whom; etc. Greeting.

Although we refer to it with grief, divers persons of our realm, unmindful of the salvation of their souls, laying aside the fear of God, consenting to diabolical instigation, fre-

quently destroy themselves, as well by hanging as by the sword, by drowning or other methods. Whose goods and chattels, by right of Our Crown, ought to accrue to our Almonry (or fund for benevolence), as the goods and chattels are known to do of those, who, without intention, by accident, may have, unfortunately, killed or caused the death of our subjects, as horses, carts, chariots, ships, boats, and such like, commonly called Deodands.* Nevertheless, at the wary suggestion of some of our subjects, goods and chattels, of this kind, are frauduently withdrawn from our aforesaid Almonry, and, as is said, are not at all applied to it.

We, considering the premises, have, of our special grace, granted, so far as in us lies, to our beloved clerk (or clergyman), William Towne, our Almoner, in augmentation of our Fund for Alms, all the goods and chattels aforesaid, forfeited (?) by the death of persons, as above, who destroy themselves; which goods, chattels, and Deodands now belong, or ought to belong, to us, in any place within our realm of England, from the beginning of our reign to the

* "DEODANDS." The laws of our English forefathers, respecting this subject, are exceedingly curious; as also, such accounts as have been preserved of the practical application of the said laws. Encyclopedia Britannica, ninth edition; vol. vii., pp. 100–1, gives us the following: (*Deo Dandum,*) in English law, was a personal chattell (any animal or thing), which on account of its having caused the death of a human being, was forfeited to the King, for pious uses, (*omnia quæ movent ad mortem sunt deodanda.*—Bracton.) The antiquity of this law is discussed by Blackstone, who quotes the Mosaic law, "If an ox gore a man that he die, etc.," see Exodus, xxi, 28–31; and the Athenian law, "That whatever was the cause of a man's death, was to be exterminated or cast out of the dominions of the republic." This law of deodands was not formally repealed until the 9 and 10 Vict., c. 62, was passed in 1846.

This law seems to have been based upon the assumption (not always true in every case), that every man's life was of value to the community in which he resided.

In its practical operation, no question was admitted as to blame or carelessness. Simply, Did it cause death? if so, a fine or deodand was assessed at the discretion of the magistrate; and the person claiming ownership of the article or animal, refused or neglected to pay, the thing subject to deodand was sold, and the proceeds applied to charitable purposes.—E. H.

present time, and for the period in which he has been our Almoner. Moreover, appointing him our Almoner, to make inquiry, from time to time, as often as may be necessary, respecting goods, chattels, and Deodands of such kind as aforesaid, and to seize on, take and carry off the same, by himself, or his deputy, or sufficient deputies, wherever they may be found within our kingdom, as well within the liberties as without. And to distribute them, thus levied and collected, by himself, for us, in Alms, wherever he may think it best. Commanding and prescribing to all and singular the Viscounts, Mayors, Bailiffs, Coroners, Escheators, Constables, and all other our officers and servants, as when within the liberties as without, and to each of them, by the tenor of these presents, that in the execution of the premises, they be supporters, superintenders, comforters, aids, and defenders to our aforesaid Almoner, and his said deputies, under the peril which threatens them. Any statue, resumption, authority of Parliament, or of our council, made, or to be made, in this behalf, or any other thing, cause or matter, whatever to the contrary, held, done, or perpetrated, notwithstanding.

In Testimony whereof, etc.

Witness, the King, at *Westminster*, on the tenth day of December, A.D. 1470.*

In old age he accepted an income† from the parish, and died A.D. 1496.

In 1470, John Towne, Professor of Divinity, succeeded Alexander Prowett as Precentor (*Leader of the choir in a Cathedral*) of Lincoln, which place he resigned in 1473 for the Prebend of Dunholme.

* Rymer's Fœdera, vol. XI., pp. 668-9.

† His income was £6. 13s. 4d. per annum, and he was buried in Kings College Chapel, with this epitaph:

"Hic Jacet Magister
Will. Towne, Doctor in Theologica quandam
Socius hujus collegii qui obit 11 die
Mensis Marti anno Incarnationis
Dominici M. C.C.C.C.X.C.V.I.

John Towne, of Irby, County of Lincoln, made his will Nov. 18, 1540. To be buried in the Church of St. Andrew, at Irby. Legacies to Anne, Thomas, and George Towne; his brother William, of Irby, being principal heir and executor. This will was proved June 1, 1541. **John Towne**, of Ludborough, County of Lincoln, executed his will under date of Jan. 24, 1637—sons, Leonard, John, and William, and brother Richard Towne. **Richard Towne**, of Braceby, in the same county, md. Ann ——— and had children as follows:

1 Richard, who died in 1617, leaving wife Alice, son Leonard, and daughter Helen, not twenty-one years of age.
2 Edward, who had children in 1630.
3 Elizabeth, who married Phillips.
4 Helen, " " Oxman.
5 Prudence, " " Walton.
6 Ann, " " Armestone.
7 Katherine, baptised October 14, 1599.
8 Mary, " April 15, 1601.
9 William, " May 21, 1603.
10 Margery.

The earliest we find the name in America is 1635, when WILLIAM TOWNE was an inhabitant of Cambridge.

On the 18th of the second month (April), 1637, he appeared before the General Court, and took the requisite oath to become a freeman, or voter. He was Town-Clerk in 1639; purchased land at Cambridge in 1653, of David Stone and Thomas Danforth, and in 1655, of Edmund Goffe, was tything-man in 1680, and died April 30, 1685, aged eighty years. Amount of his estate, £118.13.6. The name of his wife was Martha, and she died in Jan. 1674. Their children were:

1 Peter, born in England, about the beginning of the year 1633.
2 Mary, born at Cambridge, Mass., in 1637.

Peter Towne married, first Joanna, second Elizabeth, who was living at Braintree, Mass., in 1724. He was Administrator of the estate of his father, and from its settlement, appears to have been an only son; was a constable at Cambridge in 1668, '76, '90, '91, and '94; selectman in 1695, and died Nov. 2, 1705, aged 72 yrs. 10 mos. His name may be found upon a tombstone at Cambridge, with the inscription partially obliterated. The following is a copy of his will, and the final settlement of his estate indicates that he left no one to transmit his name to posterity, and that, with the death of his widow, the name became extinct, so far as relates to this family at Cambridge:

In ye name of God. Amen. I Peter Towne of Cambridge in New England, being Weak in Body, but of sound mind, do make this my last Will and Testam^t. Impr. I com'nd my Soul to ye mercy of God in Jesus Christ, and my body to ye Grave decently to be buryed without profuseness according to ye discretion of those whom I shall constitute ye Overseers of this my last will and Testam^t; and as to my Temporall Estat^e my will is that it be thus disposed of: First of all, I will and bequeath to my Dear Wife the whole of my Real Estate, to be quietly enjoyed and possessed by her so Long as she shall continue my Widow. It. I will and bequeath to my dear Wife the sum of one hundred pounds money, to be disposed of by her as she shall see meet. Item. I will and bequeath to my Dear Wife my silver Cups, my beds and bedding, all my Pewter and brass, and all my other household stuff to her and her heirs forever. Item. I will and bequeath to my Dear Wife ye three Gold Rings as also ye three pounds odd money mainly French money, w^ch is in a small purse, to her and her heirs forever. Item. I will and bequeath to my Brother Samuel Pain of Brantrey, ye sum of three pounds money to be paid w^th in six months after my decease. Item. My Will is with respect to my Negro Servants, That Mingo shall have his freedom when he gains his health as soon as he pleases, and yt in the mean time he be carefully look^d after and maintained out of my estate; That Charles shall faithfully Serve my Wife, ye full term of four years after my decease, and that then he have his freedom. Only in case my Wife marryes before ye

term of four years be expired, then Charles upon her marriage have his freedom; That Fidella live with my Wife and serve her faithfully ye space of seven years after my decease, and in case my wife continue my Widow three years more than these seven years and need Fidella's help, then Fidella shall live three years longer with my wife and then have her freedom; And if my wife dies before Fidella comes to ye age of twenty years, then my will is that Fidella shall be put into some sober Religious family at ye discretion and according to the direction of my Overseers, to live there as a servant till she come to be twenty years old, and Fidella to have ye benefit and advantage of what should be allowed her for her service in ye said time, then to have her freedom. Item. My will is, that as my servants come to have their freedom They shall each have ten pounds money paid them by my Executrix; and if either dyes before ye time of their freedom, their Legacye to go to ye surviving, and be equally divided among ym. Item. My will is, that when my wife dy^es or ceases to be my widow, Then the whole of my Real Estate shall be divided among my five first cousins living at Bridgewater, viz.: my cousin John Howard, my cousin Nathaniel Howard, my cousin Joseph Howard, my cousin Elisha Howard, and my cousin Mary Mitchell, to be unto them and their heirs forever. Provided, however, and it is my Will, that in case my cousin Joseph Howard will give to Stephen his Negro servant his freedom when he comes to be six and twenty years old, then he shall have twenty pounds more of this my Real Estate, when it comes to be divided, than my other cousins, and that otherwise he shall have no interest therein. Item. My Will is that my once negro servant Jane, who lives at Boston, shall have ye sum of five pounds paid her within six months after my decease; Also I will and bequeath to my wife's mother (Hannah Wilbur) the sum of three pounds money, to be paid in three months after my decease. And if so much of my estate shall after all this remain undisposed of by me my will is, that thirty pounds shall be paid to ye easing of ye poorer sort of people in Cambridge, yt shall be rated to ye building a new meeting house at ye discretion and ordering of my Overseers, Deacon Hastings and Sam'l Cooper being joined with them; Provided and it still being my will, yt the Town within ye space of three months after my decease do meet and by a Publick Vote agree upon y^s new building to

be begun, and set about forthwith, as also yt they do not put my Dear Wife or any part of her estate into the rate for the said building when they come to make the rate; Otherwise what I have willed with respect to the New Meeting house shall be altogether void and insignificant. And as to what shall yet remain undisposed of by me, I will and bequeath ye improvement and use of it to my Dear Wife so long as she shall continue my Widow, to be improved by her for her comfort and support. It being provided yt she does not run any hazard of losing ye money by letting it to one person or another, and at her death or marriage what remains shall be equally disposed of and divided among my five cousins aforementioned. Ite. My Will is that my loving and trusty friends Nath[l] Hancock, sen., Solomon Prentiss, sen., and Nicholas Fessenden, sen., be ye Overseers of y[s] my Last Will and Testament, and that they be each allowed ye sum of Twenty shillings money. Finally I do constitute and appoint my Dear Wife ye sole executrix of this my Will.

In Witness to all wh. I hereby set my hand and seal this Twentyeighth day of May, in ye year of Our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and five. A memorandum before signing That it is my desire y[t] my Dear Wife do let Mr. Nicholas Fessenden, School master have five pounds as a token of my respect to him, unless my wife shall want it for her own comfort—she to be judge.

PETER TOWN, [L.S.]

Signed Sealed and published in presense of William Brattle, Nathaniel Hancock, Sen., Owen Warland.

We now come to William Towne, the Anglo-American progenitor of descendants who have settled in a majority of the States of the American Union. Of his birthplace or parentage we know nothing positively, though he may have come from the County of Lincoln, in England, and may have been the son of Richard and Ann Towne, of Braceby.

WILL OF ANN TOWNE.

[Communicated by WILLIAM B. TOWNE, Esq., Brookline, Mass.]

[Verbatim copy of the Will of Ann, widow of Richard Towne of Braceby, Lincoln County, England, dated December 10, 1629, and proved May 10, 1630.]

In the name of God Amen. I Ann Towne of Bracebie in y^e^ Countie of Lincoln widdowe sicke in bodye but whole & pfect of mind & memorye thanks bee unto god doe make this my last will & Testam^t^ in mann^er^ and forme followynge. ffirst I comm̄itt my selfe to the mercy of Allmightie god my Creato^r^ redemer & soule savioure in & by whome I hoope for resurrection to eternall life & my bodye to be buried in y^e^ meane time in y^e^ Chapell of Bracebie aforesaid. Ite^m^. I give to y^e^ poore of Bracebie fyve shillings. Ite^m^ I give to my sonne Edward Towne one silver salte peell gilte, one peece of gold of x j^s^ one pe of lyninge sheets. Ite^m^ I give to my daughter Elisabeth Phillip xx^s^ & one linninge bordcloth. Ite^m^ I give to my daughter Hellen Oxman one linninge bordcloth & xx^s^ to buye her a feathe^r^ bedd ticke & one kertle. Ite^m^ I give to my daughter Prudence Walton xx^s^ and one linninge bordcloth. Ite^m^ I give to my daughter Ann Armestone xx^s^ the best Coveringe but one, one sheete w^th^ a black seameinge, one longe bordcloth, two pillowe beares of y^e^ same one pe of harden sheets, one pe of curtens. Ite^m^ I give my daughter Katherine Towne one beadstead w^th^ feather bed & matris one turlinge boulster, one tycke boulster, two fustine pillowes, one pe of blancketts w^th^ broad yellowe lists, twoe Coverings, one blacke and yellowe, y^e^ oth^r^ the best, one pe curtens of my own makinge, one lynen bordcloth, one flax harden bordcloth, one brended Cowe, three pe hempen sheets, three pe Lynen sheets, one sheet w^th^ a seaminge of owne makinge, twoe pillowe beares of y^e^ same, halfe a dozen of hemp midlaie napkins, one little putor dishe, one brasse pann, one charger, halfe a dozen of pewter spoones, one lynen towell & xx^s^ in monye. Ite^m^ I give to my daughter Mary Towne one matteress, one ticke boulster, one bedstead, twoe tartlinge pillowes, twoe coverings one blacke and white, the oth^r^ white, one pe of tartling blancketts, two pe of hempen sheets, one pe of Lynen sheets, one pe of harden sheets, one lynen towell, halfe a dozen napkins, one pyde Cowe, one Charger one little pewter dishe, one sauser, one brasse pott and xx^s^ in money. Ite^m^ I give to my daughter Margery Towne one silke apron. Ite^m^ I give to my grandchild Ellen Towne one Ewe. Ite^m^ I give to every godchild xij^d^. Ite^m^ I give to everye grandchild ij^s^ vj^d^. Ite. I give to my grandchild Katheren Phillip one pe hempen sheets. Ite. I give to my sonne Edwards children Twoe

sheepe. Ite. I give to my daughter Elizabeth her children Twoe sheepe. Ite. I give to my daughter Ellen her children Twoe sheepe. Ite. I give to my daughter Prudence her children Twoe sheepe. Ite. I give to my sister Ellen Parker one silke doublet. Ite. I give to my grandchild Leonard Towne one cheste standing at y^e^ bedds feete in the chamber. Ite. I give to Richard Chopman ij^s^ vj^d^. All the rest of my goods & Chattles my debts & legacies beinge payde my funerall & testam^t^ expenses discharged I give them to my sonne William Towne, my sonne whom I make & ordayne full executo^r^ of this my last will^l^ & testam^t^. In witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand the xth daye of Decembe^r^, 1629.

Redd published & delivered as my will in the p^r^esence of Katherine Towne Marye Towne.

William Towne, of Salem, Mass., 1640; supposed son of RICHARD TOWNE, of Braceby, Eng.

From N.E. Gen. Reg. Vol. XXI, p. 12-15.

The earliest positive information we have relative to him is at Yarmouth, Norfolk Co., a city of considerable maratime importance, situated on the East coast of England, one hundred and eight miles in a direct line, and 120 miles by railroad north-east of London. The origin and early history of this place, like many others in the British Kingdom, is quite obscure. The Romans, in the first century of the Christian Era, had a frontier military post* near

* The fortification is about three miles west of the city, and was erected by *Publius Ostorius* about the middle of the first century. This noble monument of Roman Art, the most considerable, and perhaps the most perfect to be found in Britain, is built upon the brow of the hills which skirt the eastern bank of the river Waveney, at its confluence with the Yare. Quadrilateral in its form, it makes an almost regular parallelogram, its length being 640 feet and its breadth 370 feet, the space within the walls of the camp comprising nearly six acres. The walls are about 10 feet in height, about 9 feet in thickness, and are constructed of rubble masonry, faced with flint, interlaced in regular courses of about 21 inches by three layers of tiles or bricks about 2 inches apart. The bricks are red, of a fine close texture, and as they lay in the wall, a surface is exposed 1½ by 9 inches, and so solid and enduring is the masonry that the writer found it difficult to procure on the premises a piece of the flint and brick an inch square, as a sample of the material of which the wall was built, and a memento of a visit to this interesting locality.

here, and later it was called Cerdick's sand, or Cerdick's shore, deriving its name from Cerdick; a warlike Saxon, who, A.D. 496, with his son Cenrick, and a fleet of five ships, invaded the country at this point, entered the mouth of the River Yare, fought a battle, put the Britons to flight, and founded a colony. It being a low marshy neighborhood, the location proved unhealthy, the settlement was finally abandoned, and the colony took up their residence with the West Saxons.* Henry Manship, Sen., a merchant in 1560, the reputed author of a very reliable and carefully prepared manuscript† history of the place, who tells us he was here "bredd and borne," thus speaks of its origin: "First of the Antiquity of the Towne and Burroughe of Great Yermouthe. The very seate of that Towne, that is to saye, the place and ground where uppon the Towne is buylded and now dothe stand, was percell of a greate sande lyinge within the mayne sea, at the mouthe of the fludd or ryver called Heirus, being contynuallye under water and overflown wythe the sea, of which river the name of the same Towne was derived when it was firste named, vidz. Heirmouth, or otherwise without aspiration it was called Yermouth. And the tyme that yt was a sand in the sea was when Kynge Canutus reigned in England and long before, which was aboute the yere of our Savior Jesus Christ, his Incarnacion, One Thousand, as by auncient recordes thereof yt doeth appeare." He also says that "In the tyme of the Reigne of Kinge Edwarde the Confessour the saide sand beganne to growe into sighte at the lowe water, and to become more showlder at the mouthe of the said Floode called Heirus, and then there were channells for Shippes and Fyshermen to pass and enter into the arme of the Sea for utterance of there Fishe

* Blomefield and Parkin's History of Norfolk, and Swinden's History of Yarmouth.

† Very ably edited by Charles John Palmer, Esq., F.S.A., and published in two volumes, with plates; the first volume in 1854, and the second in 1856, but now entirely out of print. The original manuscript is in his possession.

and Merchandizes, which were conveyed to diverse partes and places as well in the Countye of Norfolk as in the Countye of Suffolke by reason that all the whole levell of the marshes and fennes which now are betwixt the Towne of Yermouth and the citie of Norwiche, were then all an arme of the Sea, entering within the Lande by the mouth of the Hierus. And this was about the yeare of our Savior M. and XL. and long before." He further says, "In the tymes of the Reygnes of Kinge Harrolde and Kinge William the Conquerror, the sayde sande did growe to be drye, and was not overflowen by the Sea, but waxed in heighte, and also in greatness, in so muche as greate store of people of the counties of Norff. and Suffolke did resorte thither, and did pitche Tabernacles and Boothes for the entertaynenge of such Seafaringe men and Fishermen and Merchants as would resorte unto that place, either to sell their Herringes, fish, or other comodities, and for providinge suche things as those Seamen did neede and wante.

The which things caused greate store of Seafaringe men to resorte thither; but especiallie the fishermen of this Land; as also greate nombers of the Fishermen of Fraunce Flaunders, and of Holland, Zealande, and all the lowe Countryes. And in the tyme of the Reigne of Kynge William Rufus, Kinge of this Realme, one Herbertus, Bishopp of the see of Norwich, perceyvenge greate resorte and concourse of people to be daylie and yearlie uppon the said Sande, and intendinge to provide for their sowles healthe, did founde and buylde uppon the said Sande a certen Chappell for the devotion of the people resorting thither, and therein did place a Chappelayne of his owne to saye and read divine service."

In this church, founded in A.D. 1123, dedicated to St. Nicholas in 1251,* and still retaining the name, were married, March 25, 1620, WILLIAM TOWNE and JOANNA BLESSING, and here their first six children were baptised.

* The extreme length of this structure is 230 feet, its greatest width 154 feet. The lot upon which the church stands contains upwards of eight acres,

CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

and the writer noticed the following New England names upon the Tombstones, viz.: Bailey, Briggs, Bowles, Cobb, Clark, Collins, Carr, Dawson, Ellis, Edwards, Fiske, Fowler, Forster, Fuller, Francis, Giles, Gray, Goddard, Hart, Herbert, Johnson, Kemp, Lowe, Lawrence, Lee, Marston, Marshall, Moore, Mason, Nichols, Pearson, Plummer, Pearce, Reed, Read, Shepard, Symonds, Simpson, Seamans, Shreve, Thornton, Thompson, Wright, Wales, and Wilson, also, the name of Mathew Champion, who died Oct. 8, 1793, aged 111 years; and the following suggestive inscription upon the tombstone of a mariner:

"This life's a voyage, the world's a sea,
Where men are strangely toss'd about,
Heaven's our port, steer thou that way,
There thou shalt anchor safe, no doubt."

THE TOWNE FAMILY.

PART TWO.

GENEALOGICAL MEMORANDA

COMPRISING THE FIRST FIVE GENERATIONS OF THE DECENDANTS OF
WILLIAM AND JOANNA (BLESSING) TOWNE,
OF YARMOUTH, COUNTY OF NORFOLK, ENGLAND, AND SALEM, MASS.

Compiled, largely, from manuscripts of the late WM. B. TOWNE, Esq. of Milford, N.H.

See, also, *N.E. Hist. and Gen. Reg.*, vols. xx and xxi.

"In this church, founded in A.D. 1123, dedicated to St. Nicholas, in 1251, and still retaining the name, were married, March 25, 1620, William Towne and Joanna Blessing, and here their six first children were baptized."

The next we hear of this family is at Salem, Essex Co., Mass., where, in the book of early grants, appears the following: "11, 8 mo., 1640, granted to Wm. Towne, a little neck of land right over against his house on the other side of the river." He is also referred to in the Court Records of the same year, thus: "17th st., last of 4th mo., and 1st, 5th mo., 1640. Wm. Towne, pl. agt. Jn° Cook def. in act of debt, Jury find for pl. some to be deputed to measure John Cook's land, and what is remaining, to make up Goodman Town's land and if it be ffyve acres to pay Towne ffyve marks, and what is wanting of ffyve acres to abate 13s. 4d. p. acre: And costs 4s.: 0."

Wm. Towne's residence was in that part of Salem known as the "Northfields," and he remained at this place till 1651, the year following the incorporation of the town of Topsfield, when he purchased a tract of land in the latter place of Wm. Paine, of Ipswich, "containing forty acres of ground or thereabouts, whereof six acres is by the seller, which Wm. Howard, of Topsfield, built, and about thirty-

two acres joyning up to the sayd six acres eastward of it, part of which is plow ground, another part is meaddow, another part is upland unploughed, all lying together, having the meadow and the plow ground of the said Wm. Howard towards the east and the ground of Walter Roper towards the north, and a sertaine River towards the south or south-west. Also, a little piece of meddow of about two acres lying on the south side of the river, directly against the plains of the said Wm. Howard, having ye grounds of the said Wm. Howard towards ye East and the said River towards ye North and upland towards the South."

In 1652, he sold his property in Salem to Harry Bullock, in 1656, purchased additional land in Topsfield, and in 1663, "in consideration of natural affection and the contemplated marriage of their sonn, Joseph Towne, with Phebe Perkins, the dau. of Thomas Perkins," he and his wife conveyed to their said son, Joseph, two-thirds "of the home wherein they then did dwell, with Barne, out-houses, yard, gardens, orchards, lying situate and being in Topsfield, together with a parcel of broken upland by the meddow side, only a cartway reserved between the said land and the meadow towards the South, and the land of Jacob Towne towards the East, and the land of Jacob Towne and Edmund Towne towards the North, and the lands of Isaac Estie towards the West—also, another parcell of land broke up and unbroken, containing, by estimation, thirty acres, bounded by the way towards the South-East and North-East, and a way also towards the South-West; the land of Zacheus Gould and Edmund Towne towards the North-West, and the land of Edmund Towne and Isaac Estie towards the North. Also, a parcell of meddow lying on the North side of the river, having the river for the bounds towards the South, a highway towards the West, and a way towards the North, and meddow of Jacob Towne towards the East, containing, by estimation, fourteen acres." All these conveyances being made with the desire that their said son, Joseph, should have the first refusal of the re-

maining third when the same should be for sale. William Towne, the emigrant, died at Topsfield, Mass., about 1672, and from the final settlement of the estate of his widow, she seems to have survived him about ten years."

"Taken away from the Evil to come,"

might have been the epitaph on their tombstone; in view of the terrible fate of their daughters, some ten years later.

FIRST GENERATION.

1. The children of William[1] and Joanna (*Blessing*) Towne, of Yarmouth, Eng., and Salem, Mass., were:

* 2. i. Rebecca,[2] bapt. Feb. 21, 1621, m[d] Francis Nourse, of Salem. She was hung as a witch, at Salem, July 19, 1692; her husband survived her, dying at Salem, Nov. 22, 1795, æ 77. Their descendants have been numerous and highly respectable.

3. ii. John,[2] bapt. Feb. 16, 1624; died before his father.

4. iii. Susanna,[2] bapt. Oct. 20, 1625; died before her father.

\+ 5. iv. Edmund,[2] bapt. June 28, 1628; m[d] Mary Browning.†

* "These sisters suffered terribly during the witchcraft delusion at Salem, in 1692—Rebecca and Mary being executed, and Sarah barely escaping with her life."

† "At a county court held at Salem, in 1660, in the case of Henry Bartholomew pl. *vs.* Jacob Towne def.; William[1], Edmund[2], and Joseph[2] Towne were witnesses, and in their evidence, William[1] stated that he was threescore years old, Edmund[2] that he was thirty-one years of age, and Joseph that he was about one and twenty; and in the case of Norman *vs.* Orne, at Ipswich, in 1685, Jacob Towne, Sen., aged about fifty-four years, testifieth and saith that he lived in Salem, in the Northfields, that he was there an inhabitant near twelve years, and that he had been absent from there this four and thirty years."

Additional note, by the Compiler.

The William[1] Towne, whose testimony was given in the above case, was probably the executor named in the will of his mother, Ann Towne, of Bracebey, as given on page 13, of Part One.

This strengthens the probability that our William[1] was of that family.—E. H.

+ 6. v. Jacob,[2] bapt. March 11, 1632; m[d] Catharine Symonds.

* 7. vi. Mary,[2] bapt. Aug. 24, 1634; m[d] Isaac Esty; she was also hung as a witch, 2 months and 3 days after her sister, Rebecca.

* 8. vii. Sarah,[2] bapt. Sept. 3, 1648; m[d] 1st, Jan. 11, 1660, Edmund Bridges, and 2d, Peter Cloyes; she narrowly escaped the fate of her sisters, Rebecca and Mary; she has descendants by her first husband, now living in Cook Co., Ill.

+ 9 viii. Joseph,[2] bapt. Sept. 3, 1648; m[d] Phebe Perkins.

Rebecca[2] married Francis Nourse, of Salem Village (now Danvers), and Mary married Isaac Estey, of Topsfield. They were both estimable women, and were executed for witchcraft, at Salem, in the delusion of 1692, the first July 19, and the second September 22. The former was taken to church in chains the Sabbath previous to her execution, and there publicly excommunicated by her minister. "But (says a writer of that day,) her life and conversation had been such that the remembrance thereof in a short time wiped off all the reproach occasioned by the civil and ecclesiastical sentence against her," and in 1712, the church, to which she belonged, reversed its decision by blotting out the record of her excommunication.

See, also, foot notes, copied from N. E. Gen. Reg., Vol. XXI, page 16.

SECOND GENERATION.

(5.) **Edmund[2] Towne,** second son of William[1] and Joanna Towne, was baptized at Yarmouth, Norfolk Co., Eng., June 28, 1628; m[d] Mary, dau. of Thomas Browning, who was bapt. Jan. 7, 1638. He was a member of a committee from the town of Topsfield, who in 1675 (King Philip's War), presented a petition to the General Court

* See note on page 20.

for leave to form military companies to protect the inhabitants from the Indians while at work. He died between the date of this petition and May 3, 1678; the date of the inventory of his estate. The will of his widow is dated Feb. 1, 1710, and in it she is said to be very aged. It was proved Dec. 16, 1717. Joseph[3] was named as administrator, but he died before his mother, and Thomas[3] and William[3] were appointed.

The children of EDMUND[2] and MARY (*Browning*) Towne, of Topsfield, Mass., were:

10. i. Mary,[3]
+11. ii. Thomas,[3] b. 1655; m[d] Sarah French.
12. iii. Sarah,[3] b. April 26, 1657; m[d] —— Pritchard.
+13. iv. William,[3] b. March 13, 1659; m[d] 1st, Eliza, who had several children, all of whom died in infancy; and 2d, Wid. Margaret Willard.
+14. v. Joseph,[3] b. Sept. 2, 1661; m[d] Amy Smith.
15. vi. Abagail,[3] b. Aug. 6, 1664, m[d] 1st, Jacob Peabody, Jan. 12, 1686, and 2d, Jan. 14, 1696, Thomas Perley.
16. vii. Benjamin,[3] b. May 26, 1666.
17. viii. Rebecca,[3] b. Feb. 2, 1668; m[d] Philip Knight.
18. ix. Elizabeth,[3] b. Nov. 2, 1669; m[d] Thos. Wilkins, of Salem, Dec. 19, 1694.
19. x. Samuel,[3] b. Feb. 11, 1673; m[d] Elizabeth Knight, Oct. 20, 1696, and d. in 1714, aged 41 years.

(6.) **Jacob[2] Towne**, son of William[1] and Joanna Towne, was baptized at Yarmouth, Norfolk Co., Eng., March 11, 1632, resided at Salem, Essex Co., Mass., in the "Northfields," with his father, about twelve years; m[d], June 26, 1657, Catharine, dau. of John Symonds, of Salem; made his will at Topsfield, Nov. 24, 1704, and died the third day following, aged about 73 years. His will was proved Jan. 1, 1705, son John[3], executor. Their children were:

+20. i. John,[3] b. April 2, 1658; m[d] Mary Smith.
+21. ii. Jacob,[3] b. Feb. 13, 1660; m[d] Phebe Smith.
22. iii. Catharine,[3] b. Feb. 25, 1662; m[d] Elisha Perkins, Feb. 23, 1680.
TWINS. 23. iv. Deliverance,[3] b. Aug. 5, 1664; } both m[d] John
TWINS. 24. v. Ruth,[3] b. Aug. 5, 1664; } Stiles.
25. vi. Edmund,[3] b. July 21, 1666.

(9.) **Joseph[2] Towne,** youngest son of William[1] and Joanna Towne, was born about 1639, and m[d] Phebe, dau. of Dea. Thomas Perkins, of Topsfield. He removed, with his father, from Salem to Topsfield; where he was made freeman, March 22, 1690; was a member of the church at the latter place, and d. 1713, æ. 74. Their children, b. at Topsfield, were:

26. i. Phebe,[3] b. May 4, 1666.
27. ii. Joanna,[3] b. Jan. 22, 1668; m[d] Thomas Nichols, Dec. 15, 1694.
28. iii. Mary,[3] b. March 27, 1670.
29. iv. Susannah,[3] b. Dec. 24, 1671.
+30. v. Joseph,[3] b. March 22, 1673; m[d] Margaret Case, of Salem.
31. vi. Sarah,[3] b. Dec. 30, 1675.
+32. vii. John,[3] b. Feb. 20, 1678; m[d] 1st, Elizabeth Rae, and 2d, Abagail Stanley.
33. viii. Martha,[3] b. May 19, 1680.

THIRD GENERATION.

(11.) **Thomas[3] Towne** *(Edmund,[2] William,[1])*, was born at Topsfield, in 1655, and m[d] Sarah French, March 17, 1685. He was in Capt. Lothrop's company, at Hatfield, Aug. 12, 1675, and may have been one of the very few of that company, numbering eighty-eight men, who escaped from the fatal encounter with the Indians, on the memorable eighteenth of September following at Bloody Brook.*

* *Note by the Compiler:*—It is believed that very few of the present genera-

He was, at this time, about twenty years of age, and the historian of the period; see "Hubbard's Indian Wars," says "The company was made up of young men, the flower of Essex County, who were not afraid to speak to the enemy within the gate." He died in the early part of 1720, aged 65 years. His sons, Edmund[4] and Thomas,[4] were his executors. Their children, b. in Topsfield, were:

34. i. Edmund,[4] b. Jan. 28, 1686; d. unm[d] in 1741, æ. 55 y., leaving his property to his 4 sisters.
35. ii. Experience,[4] bapt. June 24, 1688.
36. iii. Thomas,[4] bapt. Oct. 18, 1691.
37. iv. Sarah,[4] b. May 8, 1694.
38. v. Ednah,[4] b. Dec. 3, 1696.
+39. vi. Richard,[4] b. July 16, 1700; m[d] 1st, Elizabeth Bixby, and 2d, Hannah Bixby.
40. vii. Mercy,[4] b. July 7, 1703.

tion have any adequate idea of the terrible nature of the struggle that our ancestors were engaged in, at this time, for their very existence, as well as for home, and all that the word implies. There can be no doubt, that it was the most severe and bloody war that this country was ever engaged in, taking into consideration, the destruction of life and property, in proportion to what was exposed to its ravages.

Although it lasted but about one year, yet more than 600 men, women, and children fell victims to the bullet, the tomahawk, and the scalping-knife, of the savage foe; more than 18 towns and villages were either entirely, or partially destroyed and abandoned; more than 600 families were burned out, and so great was the suffering and destitution, that subscriptions were taken up, in many places, for their relief.

Very few of those, in this country, who have, recently, so nobly and generously contributed for the relief of the suffering in Ireland, knew that they were repaying an obligation more than two hundred years old. Yet it is a matter of history, that on the 7th of Aug. 1676, a vessel sailed from Dublin, Ireland, laden with provisions, to the amount of several thousand dollars, for the relief of the destitute in the colonies of Mass., R. I., and Conn. Those interested in a more full account of these matters, should read the introduction to "Goodwin's Foote Family;" and "N. E. Gen. Reg.," Vol. II, p. 245-50.

Verily, the Word of the Lord standeth sure: "Cast thy bread upon the waters; for thou shalt find it again after many days," and "Give a portion to seven, and also to eight; for thou knowest not what evil shall be upon the earth." Eccl. XI, 1, 2.

(13.) William[3] Towne *(Edmund,[2] William,[1])*, was born at Topsfield, March 13, 1659, m[d] for his 2d wife, Aug. 22, 1694, Wid. Margaret Willard, whose first husband, John Willard, had been executed on a charge of witchcraft, at Salem, some two years previous. Their children were:

41. i. Mary,[4] b. July 3, 1695.
42. ii. William,[4] b. Nov. 22, 1697; d. Dec. 23, 1697; æ. 31 days.
43. iii. William,[4] b. Feb. 25, 1699.
+44. iv. Isaac,[4] b. April 10, 1701; m[d] Lydia Estey.
45. v. Ichabod,[4] b. Feb. 18, 1703.
+46. vi. Jeremiah,[4] b. May 27, 1705; m[d] Elizabeth.
47. vii. Deborah,[4] b. Aug. 16, 1707; m[d] J. Kenny, May 1, 1729.
48. viii. Mercy,[4] b. Sept. 19, 1709; m[d] John Towne, Jr. (No. 95), April 22, 1729.
49. ix. Keziah,[4] b. Feb. 9, 1715; m[d] Robert Fitz, of Sutton, Nov. 9, 1739.

(14.) Joseph[3] Towne *(Edmund,[2] William[1])*, was born at Topsfield, Sept. 2, 1661; m[d], Aug. 10, 1697, Amy, dau. of Robert Smith, and d. in 1717, æ. 56 y. She was b. Aug. 16, 1668, and d. Feb. 22, 1756, æ. 87 y. Their children were:

+50. i. Benjamin,[4] b. May 10, 1691; had 4 wives and 9 children.
+51. ii. Nathan,[4] b. 1693; m[d] Phebe ——.
+52. iii. Daniel,[4] b. Aug. 22, 1695; m[d] Dorothy ——.
+53. iv. Jesse,[4] b. Dec. 5, 1697; m[d] —— ——.
+54. v. Nathaniel,[4] b. June 1, 1700; m[d] Jemima ——.
55. vi. Amy,[4] b. Feb. 3, 1704.
56. vii. Amos,[4] b. July 2, 1709; m[d], May 30, 1732, Mary Smith.

(19.) Samuel[3] Towne *(Edmund,[2] William[1])*, m[d] Elizabeth Knight, Oct. 20, 1696. Their children were:

57. i. Elizabeth,[4] b. Sept. 1, 1697.
58. ii. Rebecca,[4] b. Feb. 8, 1700.
+59. iii. Samuel,[4] b. July 5, 1702; m[d] Elizabeth Allen.
+60. iv. Philip,[4] b. June 22, 1707; m[d] Dinah Hobbs, at Salem.

(20.) John[3] Towne *(Jacob,[2] William[1])*. The first of the family, in this country, who spelt his name Town (omitting the *e*), was born at Topsfield, April 2d, 1658, and married Mary Smith, Feb. 2, 1680. He was an efficient man in town affairs at Topsfield, and administered upon the estate of his father there, in 1704. Framingham, Mass., was incorporated in 1700, and at the first town meeting, held on the fifth day of August, of that year, he was chosen Selectman, and was often afterward elected to the same office. He resided at Framingham, till 1712, when he removed to Oxford, where he and his sons, Israel[4] and Ephraim,[4] were proprietors. At the first town meeting holden there, on the 22d of July, 1713, he was chosen Town Clerk and Selectman, and continued to enjoy the confidence of his fellow townsmen for many years. He was one of four persons, who met at an early period, to deliberate upon the matter of the formation of a church, and at its organization, Jan. 21, 1721, was chosen deacon, which office he held to the close of his life, and was then succeeded by his son Jonathan.[4] His estate was administered upon in 1740. Authorities for the above: Topsfield Town Records; Essex Probate Records; Barry's His. of Framingham; Barber's His. Col. of Mass.; Oxford Town and Church Records; and Worcester Probate Records.

(20.) The children of Dea. John[3] and Mary *(Smith)* Town, were:

61. i. Mary,[4] b. June 23, 1681.
62. ii. John,[4] b. Nov. 25, 1682; d. Sept. 29, 1683.
+63. iii. Israel,[4] b. Nov. 18, 1684; m[d] Susanna Haven.

64. iv. Esther,[4] b. Dec. 13, 1686; m[d] Simon Mellen, April 23, 1711.
+65. v. Ephraim,[4] b. 1688; m[d] —— ——.
+66. vi. Jonathan,[4] b. Mch. 11, 1691; m[d] Katherine ——, *who d. about 1757?*
+67. vii. David,[4] b. 1693; had four wives.
+68. viii. Samuel,[4] b. Jan. 25, 1695; m[d] Sarah Lamb, of Oxford.
+69. ix. Edmund,[4] b. May 7, 1699; m[d] Elizabeth ——.
+70. x. John, Jr.,[4] b. May 31, 1702; m[d] Lydia Hunkins.

(21.) **Jacob**[3] **Towne** (*Jacob,*[2] *William*[1]), was b. at Topsfield, Feb. 13, 1660, and married Phebe, dau. of Robert Smith, June 24, 168[7] or *4*. She was b. Aug. 26, 1661, and d. Jan. 14, 1740, æ. 79 years. He was admitted to the church Sept. 1, 1717, and d. Oct. 4, 1741, æ. 81 years. Their children were:

71. i. Joshua,[4] b. Nov. 13, 1684.
+72. ii. John,[4] b. Feb. 2, 1686; m[d] Wid. Abagail (*Stanley*) Towne.
73. iii. Abagail, b. Dec. 10, 1687.
74. iv. Catharine,[4] b. Jan. 2, 1690; m[d] Benj.[4] Towne. No. 50.
+75. v. Jacob,[4] b. 1693; m[d] Susanna ——.
76. vi. Gideon,[4] b. Feb. 4, 1696; m[d] Hannah Gould, dau. of John.
77. vii. Ruth,[4] b. March 25, 1698.
78. viii. Stephen,[4] b. Nov. 2, 1700.
+79. ix. Jabez,[4] b. June 15, 1704; m[d] Tryphena Dwinnell.
80. x. Elisha,[4] b. Oct. 25, 1706; m[d] Sarah Rhodes.

(30.) **Joseph**[3] **Towne** (*Joseph,*[2] *William*[1]), married, Nov. 9, 1699, Margaret Case, of Salem; they had 14 children, b. at Topsfield.

81. i. Margaret,[4] b. Aug. 6, 1700.

+82. ii. Joseph,[4] b. Dec. 26, 1701; m[d] Jemima Bixby.
83. iii. Archelaus,[4] b. Aug. 31, 1703.
+84. iv. Israel,[4] b. March 24, 1705; m[d] Grace Gardner.
+85. v. Elisha,[4] b. Sept. 5, 1708; m[d] Mercy Foster.
86. vi. Bartholomew,[4] b. May 10, 1710.
87. vii. Mary,[4] b. Feb. 18, 1712.
+88. viii. David,[4] b. Feb. 13, 1715; m[d] Mary Moore.
89. ix. Abagail,[4] b. May 3, 1716.
90. x. Phebe,[4] b. May 31, 1718.
91. xi. Hannah,[4] b. Feb. 15, 1720.
92. xii. Martha,[4] b. Aug. 25, 1722.
93. xiii. Sarah,[4] b. April 2, 1726.
+94. xiv. Jonathan,[4] b. Sept. 6, 1728; m[d] Mary Dean.

(32.) **John**[3] **Towne** (*Joseph*,[2] *William*[1]), b. at Topsfield, Feb. 20, 1678, and in Jan., 1708, married Elizabeth Rae, who d. Dec. 14, 1711. He afterward, July 12, 1712, married Abagail Stanley, and d. March 28, 1714, æ. 36 years. His widow married, May 11, 1715, John Towne, No. 72.

The children of John[3] and Elizabeth (*Rae*), of Topsfield, were:

+95. i. John,[4] b. Feb. 23, 1709; m[d] Mercy Towne, No. 48.
96. ii. Elizabeth,[4] b. Nov. 22, 1711.

(32.) The child of John[3] Towne, by his 2d wife, Abagail (*Stanley*), was:

+97. iii. Bartholomew,[4] b. April 4, 1713; m[d] Hannah Fitz.

FOURTH GENERATION.

(39.) **Richard**[4] **Towne** (*Thomas*,[3] *Edmund*,[2] *William*[1]), was b. at Topsfield, July 16, 1700; married 1st, Elizabeth Bixby, and 2d, Hannah Bixby. He was Town Clerk, at Topsfield, from 1749 to the time of his death, Feb. 21, 1765. His children were (but by which wife is uncertain, as dates of marriage have not been found):

98. i. Thomas,[5] b. Dec. 28, 1727.
99. ii. Mary,[5] b. Feb. 21, 1729; m[d] Samuel[5] Towne, Jr., No. 148.
100. iii. Elizabeth,[5] b. Jan. 30, 1732.
101. iv. Sarah,[5] b. Dec. 1734.
102. v. Richard,[5] b. 1737.
103. vi. Hannah,[5] b. 1739.

(44.) Isaac[4] Towne (*William*,[3] *Edmund*,[2] *William*[1]), was b. at Topsfield, April 10, 1701, married Lydia Estey, Jan. 7, 1738, and d. in Sutton, where the estate of his widow was settled, in 1796. Their children were:

104. i. Lydia,[5] b. April 5, 1739; m[d] Robert Fitz.
105. ii. Isaac,[5] b. Aug. 4, 1741.
106. iii. Asa,[5] b. Dec. 2, 1743.
107. iv. Eunice,[5] b.

(46.) The children of JEREMIAH[4] and ELIZABETH TOWNE, of Topsfield, were:

108. i. Jeremiah,[5] b. Sept. 6, 1743.
109. ii. Susannah,[5] b. July 8, 1745.
+110. iii. Nehemiah,[5] b. Oct. 15, 1748; m[d] Lucy Towne, No.
111. iv. William,[5] b.

(50.) Benjamin[4] Towne (*Joseph*,[3] *Edmund*,[2] *William*[1]), was b. at Topsfield, May 10, 1691; 1st m'd Catharine,[4] dau. of Jacob[3] Towne, Jr., No. 21; by whom he had two children, both of whom died in infancy; 2d he married, April 12, 1722, Susannah Wildes, who, about two months before her death, became the mother of three healthy male children, all of whom are known to have lived beyond the meridian of manhood; she died July 5, 1736, and he married, 3d, May 2, 1738, Mary Perkins; and 4th, married, April 15, 1761, Mrs. Mary Clark. He acquired a large estate for the time in which he lived, and, from the records, seems to have been a prominent man in town affairs, frequently offi-

ciating as Town Clerk, Selectman, Assessor of Taxes, etc., etc. He died Feb. 11, 1772, aged 81 years. His children, by his 2d wife, Susannah (*Wildes*), were:

\+ 112. i. Benjamin,[5] b. May 12, 1723; m[d]
\+ 113. ii. Ephraim,[5] b. July 10, 1725; m[d] Sarah Bragg.
\+ TWINS 114. iii. Jacob,[5] b. March 7, 1728; m[d] Elizabeth Perkins.
TWINS 115. iv. Joseph,[5] b. March 7, 1728.
\+ 116. v. Eli,[5] b. March 3, 1731; m[d] Elizabeth Gould.
117. vi. Susannah,[5] b. Sept. 6, 1733.
\+ TRIPLETS 118. vii. Edmund,[5] b. April 30, 1736; m[d]
TRIPLETS 119. viii. Ezra,[5] b. April 30, 1736; m[d] 3 wives, had 12 children.
TRIPLETS 120. ix. Elijah,[5] b. April 30, 1736.

(51.) Nathan[4] Towne (*Joseph,[3] Edmund,[2] William[1]*), was b. at Topsfield, in 1693; married Phebe ——, resided at Boxford for a time, and then removed to Andover, where his wife died Jan. 5, 1762, æ. 62 years, and he d. soon after, æ. about 70 years. Their children were:

\+ 121. i. Joseph,[5] b. April 11, 1718; m[d] Sarah Kimball, of Andover.
\+ 122. ii. Nathan,[5] b. April 25, 1720; m[d] Mary Poole.
\+ 123. iii. Jonathan,[5] b. m[d] Esther Gould.
124. iv. Phebe,[5] b. m[d] —— Farnum.
125. v. Catharine,[5] b. m[d] —— Curtis.
\+ 126. vi. Asa,[5] b. Aug. 25, 1729; m[d] Mary Beverly.
127. vii. Anna,[5] b. m[d] —— McIntire.
\+ 128. viii. Aaron,[5] b. July 25, 1734; m[d] Hannah Beverly.
129. ix. Solomon,[5] b.

(52.) The children of DANIEL[4] and DOROTHY TOWNE (*Joseph,[3] Edmund,[2] William[1]*), of Topsfield, were:

130. i. Daniel,[5] b. Aug. 11, 1722.
131. ii. Amos,[5] b. June 18, 1724.
132. iii. Judith,[5] b. Aug. 26, 1725.
133. iv. Dorothy,[5] b. Feb. 8, 1728.

134. v. Thomas,[5] b. Aug. 18, 1729.
135. vi. Prudence,[5] b. Nov. 16, 1732.
136. vii. Anna,[5] b. March 9, 1735.
+137. viii. Francis,[5] b. July 27, 1737; m[d] Phebe Towne, No.

(53.) **Jesse**[4] **Towne** (*Joseph*,[3] *Edmund*,[2] *William*[1]), was b. at Topsfield, Dec. 5, 1697, and removed to Arundel, now Kennebunk, Me., where, in 1729, he was a proprietor. He finally settled at Wells, near the "Upper Falls," where he built a house in 1740, and in 1754, when crossing the river, he broke through the ice and was drowned. He was a member of the church at Wells in 1750, and from the records, seems to have been active in the parish affairs; beyond this but little is known of him. He, however, had a descendant, residing near the original homestead, who was Selectman in Kennebunk in 1747. In 1750, he had sons, Joseph,[5] and Thomas, who were taxed; and the house which he built was standing in 1770. Children:

138. i. Joseph,[5] b.
+139. ii. Thomas,[5] b. m[d] Abagail Crediford.

(54.) **Nathaniel**[4] **Towne** (*Joseph*,[3] *Edmund*,[2] *William*[1]), b. at Topsfield, June 1, 1700; by wife Jemima, had children:

140. i. Jemima,[5] b. May 20, 1724.
141. ii. Nathaniel,[5] b. Sept. 16, 1725.
142. iii. Eunice,[5] b. Feb. 24, 1727.
143. iv. Sarah,[5] b. 1729.

(56.) **Amos**[4] **Towne** (*Joseph*,[3] *Edmund*,[2] *William*[1]), b. at Topsfield, July 2, 1709; married Mary Smith, and moved to Kennebunk, Me., with his brother, Jesse, No. 53. He was one of the brave men who, under Sir Wm. Pepperrel, captured Louisburg; and in 1747, was wrecked on Mt. Desert and drowned, at the age of about 38 years. Their children were:

+144. i. Samuel,[5] b. m[d] Hannah Wakefield.
+145. ii. Amos,[5] b. Oct. 1737; m[d] 1st, Jane Smith, and 2d, Sarah Miller.
+146. iii. Daniel,[5] b. Oct. 28, 1739; m[d] Elizabeth Dorman.

(59.) Samuel[4] Towne (*Samuel,*[3] *Edmund,*[2] *William*[1]), was born at Topsfield, July 5, 1702; married Elizabeth Allen, Dec. 21, 1722, and was drowned May 18, 1771, aged 69 years. Their children were:

147. i. Mary,[5] b. July 19, 1723.
148. ii. Elizabeth,[5] b. Nov. 10, 1724.
+149. iii. Samuel,[5] b. Aug. 8, 1727; m[d] Mary[5] Towne, No. 99.
150. iv. Hannah,[5] b. Sept. 24, 1733.

(60.) Philip[4] Towne (*Samuel,*[3] *Edmund,*[2] *William*[1]), b. at Topsfield, June 22, 1707; married Dinah Hobbs, at Salem, July 30, 1728. Their children were:

151. i. Eneas,[5] b. Nov. 18, 1729.
152. ii. Dinah,[5] b. Feb. 14, 1734; m[d] Thomas Perkins.
153. iii. Daniel,[5] b. Aug. 22, 1736.

(63.) Israel[4] Towne (*John,*[3] *Jacob,*[2] *William*[1]), was b. at Topsfield, Nov. 18, 1684, and married Susannah, dau. of Dea. Moses Haven, of Framingham, Oxford, Mass.; was first permanently settled in 1712. He was a proprietor, and his family was one of the thirty families who then went there to reside. The germ of the first church in this place consisted of four persons, and their first meeting to consult upon the matter was holden at his house. He died at Oxford, Oct. 29, 1771, aged nearly 87 years, and his widow d. at Belchertown, in 1787, aged 96. Their children were:

154. i. Mary,[5] b. Nov. 16, 1709; m[d] Theo. McKenstry, Jan. 30, 1732.
155. ii. Susannah,[5] b. Sept. 11, 1711; died young.
156. iii. Joseph,[5] b. Jan. 20, 1713; died Oct. 28, 1733. æ. 20.

157. iv. Susannah,[5] b. Feb. 17, 1717; m[d] John Haven, Oct. 25, 1739, and d. at Sutton, in 1806, æ. 89.
+158. v. Elijah,[5] b. Feb. 16, 1719; m[d] Lydia Lock.
+159. vi. Moses,[5] b. Aug. 14, 1721; m[d] Bethia Reed.
160. vii. Esther,[5] b. March 14, 1724.
+161. viii. Israel,[5] b. Feb. 12, 1727; m[d] Naomi Stebbins.
162. ix. Lois,[5] b. May 18, 1729; m[d] John Wilson, 1749.
163. x. Mehitable,[5] b. Dec. 23, 1731.

(65.) **Ephraim**[4] **Towne** (*John*,[3] *Jacob*,[2] *William*[1]), b. at Topsfield in 1688; resided some time at Framingham; was a proprietor at Oxford, and one of the thirty first families. His children were:

164. i. Paul,[5] b. March 14, 1722.
+165. ii. Silas,[5] b. March 14, 1722; m[d] Susannah Lock.
+166. iii. Edmund,[5] b. Aug. 19, 1724; m[d] Abagail Brewer.
167. iv. Thomas,[5] b. April 1, 1727.

(66.) **Jonathan**[4] **Towne** (*John*,[3] *Jacob*,[2] *William*[1]), b. at Topsfield, March 11, 1691, resided at Oxford, 1714; was deacon of the church, and died there in 1741. Wife Katherine, who d. about 1757. Children:

+168. i. Jacob,[5] b. Oct. 20, 1720; m[d] Mary Campbell.
169. ii. Tamar,[5] b. Feb. 22, 1722.
170. iii. Simon,[5] b. March 26, 1724.
171. iv. Jonathan,[5] b. April 26, 1727.
+172. v. John,[5] b. Dec. 15, 1728: m[d] Dorothy Pratt.
173. vi. Mary,[5] b. June 4, 1731; m[d] —— Curtis.
+174. vii. Josiah,[5] b. Aug. 10, 1734; m[d] Susannah Rich.
175. viii. Huldah,[5] b. Nov. 2, 1737; m[d] Israel Phillips.

(67.) **David**[4] **Towne** (*John*,[3] *Jacob*,[2] *William*[1]), was b. at Topsfield in 1693, and is said to have had four wives. The names of the two first have not been ascertained, but our information reads, "and for his third wife, married Priscilla

Hovey, who d. at Oxford in 1741." Information from another source says that he afterward married a fourth wife, Margaret, and d. at Belchertown, Mass., Sept. 20, 1781, æ. 87. The children of David[4] and Priscilla (*Hovey*) Towne, were:

176. i. Francis,[5] b. March 7, 1719; d. Dec. 21, 1721.
177. ii. Hannah,[5] b. Sept. 1, 1720.
178. iii. Deliverance,[5] b. 1726.
179. iv. Susannah,[5] b. Aug. 30, 1736.
180. v. Priscilla,[5] b. March 7, 1740.

(68.) **Samuel[4] Towne** (*John,[3] Jacob,[2] William[1]*), b. at Topsfield, Jan. 25, 1695; m[d] Sarah Lamb, of Oxford, April 16, 1722. They had one son:

+181. i. James,[5] b. Oct. 11, 1722; m[d] Ann Blood.

(70.) **John[4] Towne, Jr.** (*John,[3] Jacob,[2] William[1]*), was b. at Framingham, March 31, 1702, and married Lydia Hunkins, March 6, 1728. Their children, b. at Oxford, were:

+182. i. Thomas,[5] b. May 26, 1729; m[d] Hannah
+183. ii. Abner,[5] b. March 21, 1731; m[d] Susanna Dana.
+184. iii. Isaac,[5] b. Aug. 17, 1733; m[d] Huldah Pratt.
185. iv. Phebe,[5] b. June, 16, 1737.
186. v. Lydia,[5] b. May 8, 1740.
187. vi. Rachel,[5] b. Nov. 9, 1742.
188. vii. Hannah,[5] b. Sept. 24, 1744; m[d] Collins Moore.
+189. viii. SIMON,[5] b. Feb. 25, 1748; m[d] MARY PIKE.
190. ix. Lydia,[5] b. Sept. 28, 1752; m[d] William Collins.

(72.) **John[4] Towne** (*Jacob,[3] Jacob,[2] William[1]*), was b. at Topsfield, Feb. 2, 1686, and married, May 11, 1715, Abagail, wid. of John Towne, No. 32, (her maiden name Stanley). He settled at Greenwich, Mass., in 1748. This place was called Quabbin, previous to its incorporation, in 1754. His wife was killed by falling downstairs, Sept. 1, 1743. Their children were:

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+191. i. Samuel,[5] b. 1717; m[d] Eunice Emmons.
+192. ii. Jonathan,[5] b. May 25, 1719; m[d] Sarah Fowler and Abagail Hale.
193. iii. Abagail,[5] b. Sept. 29, 1721.
194. iv. Catharine,[5] b. Dec. 14, 1725.
+195. v. John,[5] b. Dec. 5, 1729; m[d] Mary Thomas.

(75.) **Jacob[4] Towne** (*Jacob,[3] Jacob,[2] William[1]*), and Susannah, his wife, had children:

196. i. Ruth,[5] b. Sept. 6, 1719.
+197. ii. Joshua,[5] b. Sept. 3, 1721; m[d] Sarah Ball.
198. iii. Jacob,[5] b. June 30, 1724.

(76.) **Gideon[4] Towne** (*Jacob,[3] Jacob,[2] William[1]*), b. in Topsfield, Feb. 4, 1696; m[d] Hannah Gould, who d. at Topsfield, March 25, 1738. He removed to Quabbin, now Greenwich, where he purchased land of Andrew Powers, in 1748. Their children were:

+199. i. Abner,[5] b. Feb. 5, 1722; m[d] Sarah Butler.
+200. ii. Gideon,[5] b. Feb. 21, 1724; m[d] Martha Stanley
201. iii. Hannah,[5] b. Aug. 5, 1727.
202. iv. Phebe,[5] b. Aug. 22, 1729.
203. v. Abishai,[5] b. March 1, 1732.

(79.) **Jabez[4] Towne** (*Jacob,[3] Jacob,[2] William[1]*), was b. at Topsfield, June 15, 1704; married Tryphenia Dwinnell, March 30, 1730; who d. April 16, 1785. He d. at Londonderry, N. H., April 1, 1783, aged 79 years. Their children were:

+204. i. Jabez,[5] b. March 4, 1732; m[d]
205. ii. Mary,[5] b. Oct. 30, 1734; m[d] Joshua Foster, of Boxford.
206. iii. Rebecca,[5] b. June 9, 1737; m[d] Samuel Smith, of Topsfield.
+207. iv. Jacob,[5] b. Sept. 25, 1738; m[d] Susanna Brown.
+208. v. Elijah,[5] b. Sept. 11, 1740; m[d] Eunice Dwinnell.

209. vi. Abagail,[5] b. Dec. 7, 1743; m[d] Asa Smith, of Vershire, Vt.
210. vii. Ruth,[5] b. Oct. 22, 1746; m[d] Jacob Hale.
211. viii. Susannah,[5] b. Nov. 19, 1749; m[d] David Porter.

(80.) **Elisha[4] Towne** (*Jacob,[3] Jacob,[2] William[1]*), was b. at Topsfield, Oct. 25, 1706; m[d] Sarah Rhodes, Feb. 16, 1738, and removed to Boxford. Their children were:

212. i. Sarah,[5] b. Jan. 7, 1739; m[d] Elijah Dwinnell.
+213. ii. John,[5] b. Sept. 22, 1740; m[d] Ann Cummings.
214. iii. Mehitable,[5] b. Sept. 23, 1742; m[d] Jacob Dwinnell.
215. iv. Absalom,[5] b. Sept. 24, 1744.
216. v. Bathsheba,[5] b. Oct. 18, 1747.

(82.) **Joseph[4] Towne** (*Joseph,[3] Joseph,[2] William[1]*), was b. at Topsfield, Dec. 26, 1701, and married Jemima Bixby. They resided at Topsfield in 1732, where two oldest children were born. April 6, 1733, he purchased 230 acres of land of John Hallowell, in the parish of Thompson, town of Killingly, Conn., for £400, New England currency, and in 1743, made an additional purchase. His wife was dismissed from the church in Topsfield and recommended to the second church in Killingly, Oct. 22, 1738. He d. in March, 1786, aged 84 years, and his widow in 1790. Their children were:

217. i. Archelaus,[5] b. Feb. 26, 1730.
218. ii. Jemima,[5] b. Feb. 6, 1732.
219. iii. Joseph,[5] b. Oct. 8, 1735.
220. iv. Elizabeth,[5] b. March 27, 1738.
221. v. Margaret,[5] b. May 17, 1739.

(84.) **Israel[4] Towne** (*Joseph,[3] Joseph,[2] William[1]*), was b. at Topsfield, March 24, 1705, and married Grace Gardner, of Middleton, May 23, 1729. He was one of the early settlers of Narragansett No. 3, afterwards named Souhegan

West, and in 1760, incorporated by New Hampshire, and called Amherst. Tradition says that his was the fourth family. The first settlement was made in 1734, and Sept. 22, 1741, at the organization of the church, the plantation contained —— families, amongst the number was that of Capt. Israel[4] Towne. The origin of the Narragansett townships was as follows: Between 1728 and 1733, the General Court of Mass. granted seven townships of land, each of the contents of six miles square, to those, and the descendants of those who were in the war of 1675, for the subjugation of Philip, the celebrated Narragansett Sachem, the townships to be selected from the unappropriated lands of the Province, each township to be the property of 120 claimants. After a great number of meetings and adjournments of the grantees, the townships were located thus:— Narragansett No. 1, where Buxton, in Maine, is now situated; Narragansett No. 2, at Westminster, Mass.; No. 3, at Amherst, N. H.; No. 4, at Goffstown, N. H.; No. 5, at Bedford, N. H.; No. 6, at Templeton, N. H.; and No. 7, at Gorham, Me., this territory then being under the jurisdiction of Mass. Israel[4] Towne d. at Amherst, N. H., in 1791, aged 86 years, and Grace, his widow, in 1803, aged 96. Their children were:

222. i. Thomas,[5] b. 1732.
+223. ii. Archelaus,[5] b. 1734; m[d] Martha Abbott.
+224. iii. Israel,[5] b. Nov. 16, 1736; m[d] Lydia Hopkins.
+225. iv. Moses,[5] b. 1738; m[d] Mary Gray.
226. v. Gardner,[5] b. June 6, 1741.
227. vi. Elizabeth,[5] b. Jan. 30, 1745; d. July 16, 1794, æ. 49.
228. vii. Susannah,[5] b. May 28, 1748; m[d] Timothy Nichols, Oct. 2, 1779.
229. viii. Mary,[5] b. April 20, 1751,

(85.) **Elisha[4] Towne** (*Joseph,[3] Joseph,[2] William[1]*), was b. at Topsfield, Sept. 5, 1708; m[d] Mercy Foster, of Boxford,

June 11, 1738, and removed from Topsfield to Munson, now Milford, N. H., where, Dec. 22, 1748, he and his brother Israel[4] purchased the Taylor farm, of 300 acres, for £1000, of Wid. Abagail Taylor, of Boston. Their children were:

230. i. Joseph,[5] b. 1739; d. in infancy.
+231. ii. Bartholomew,[5] b. April 8, 1741; m[d] Mary Cummings.
+232. iii. Thomas,[5] b. Feb. 8, 1743; m[d] Elizabeth Towne and Sarah Burton.
233. iv. Mercy,[5] b. Feb. 15, 1745.
234. v. Sarah,[5] b. Nov. 20, 1747.

(88.) David[4] Towne (*Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *William*[1]), was b. at Topsfield, Feb. 13, 1715; married Mary Moore, Aug. 21, 1741. He lived on the "Old Homestead," and d. at Topsfield, Aug. 20, 1778, aged 63 years. Amount of his estate, £1594. His widow d. Nov. 25, 1801, aged 83. Their children were:

235. i. Abagail,[5] b. 1742; d. Feb. 8, 1799, æ. 57.
+236. ii. David,[5] b. March 17, 1744; m[d] Susannah Averill.
237. iii. Archelaus,[5] b. Aug. 15, 1746; d. in infancy.
238. iv. Joseph,[5] b. d. unmarried.
239. v. Archelaus,[5] b. Jan. 3, 1752; d. Oct. 5, 1804.
240. vi. Eunice,[5] b. May 12, 1754; d. Aug. 20, 1804.
241. vii. Thomas,[5] b. Sept. 26, 1762; d. unmarried.

(94.) Jonathan[4] Towne (*Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *William*[1]), youngest and fourteenth child of his parents, was b. at Topsfield, Sept. 6, 1728; married Mary Dean, of Salem, Oct. 31, 1751, and removed to Munson, now Milford, N. H., where he remained till the opening scenes of the American Revolution, when he joined the Continental army, and d. at Crown Point, Essex Co., N. Y., in July, 1776. His wid. d. in 1784. Their children were:

+242. i. Jonathan,[5] b. April 28, 1754; m[d] Mary Blanchard.

243. ii. Mary,[5] b. Sept. 23, 1756; d. unm[d] at Andover, Vt., March 6, 1847, æ. 90 years.
244. iii. Betsey,[5] b. 1758.
+245. iv. Aaron,[5] b. March 14, 1761; m[d] Abagail Johnson and Mrs. Lois Stocker.
246. v. Jane,[5] b. 1763; m[d] Jonathan Thompson, of Marblehead.
247. vi. Phebe,[5] b. Nov. 13, 1765; m[d] Timothy Ordway, of Lyndboro, N. H.

(95.) John[4] Towne (*John*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *William*[1]), was b. at Topsfield, Feb. 23, 1709, and married Mercy Towne, No. He was admitted to the church in Sutton, May 3, 1741, and d. about the close of 1754, aged 45. His will is dated Sept. 6, 1754, and proved Feb. 5, 1755. Their children were:

+248. i. Ichabod,[5] b. Nov. 26, 1729; m[d] Jemima Stockwell.
249. ii. Mercy,[5] b. Sept. 10, 1731; m[d] Samuel Clark, Nov. 30, 1750.
+250. iii. William,[5] b. Feb. 10, 1733; m[d] Catharine Waite.
251. iv. Elijah,[5] b. May 17, 1734.
252. v. Deborah,[5] b. 1735; m[d] Nathaniel Putnam, Nov. 23, 1757.
253. vi. Elizabeth,[5] b. May 13, 1740; m[d] Henry Nichols, Sept. 22, 1757.
254. vii. Mary,[5] b. April 1, 1742; m[d] Aaron Grant.
255. viii. John,[5] b. March 5, 1744; d. unmarried.
256. ix. Sarah,[5] b. May 21, 1750.
257. x. Lois,[5] b. Sept. 30, 1752; m[d] Richard Dodge, Jr., July 19, 1770.
+258. xi. Asa,[5] b. m[d] Eunice Towne, No.

(97.) Bartholomew[4] Towne (*John*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *William*[1]), was b. April 4, 1713; married Hannah Fitz, June 27, 1740. They were admitted to the church in Sutton, July 26, 1741, and he d. at the same place in 1783, æ. 70.

259. i. Hannah[5] b. April 20, 1741; m[d] Daniel Stone.
+260. ii. Bartholomew,[5] b. Dec. 10, 1742; m[d] Betsey Rice.
261. iii. Abagail,[5] b. Aug. 3, 1744; m[d] Nathan Stone and E. Sibley.
+262. iv. Reuben,[5] b. July 29, 1746; m[d] Sarah Dodge.
263. v. Sarah,[5] b. April 20, 1751.
264. vi. Robert,[5] b. May 11, 1754.
265. vii. David,[5] b. Aug. 7, 1756; m[d] Elizabeth Southworth, March 7, 1780.
266. viii. Mehitable,[5] b. Sept. 12, 1762.
267. ix. Stephen,[5] b. Sept. 15, 1765.

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(110.) **Nehemiah[5] Towne** (*Jeremiah,[4] Wm.,[3] Edmund,[2] Wm.[1]*), b. at Topsfield, Oct. 15, 1748; married Lucy, dau. of Joshua Towne, No. Dec. 31, 1771. He d. at Keene, N. H., May 2, 1820, æ. 72; and his widow d. April 17, 1841, æ. 85. Their children were:

+268. i. Josiah,[6] b. Jan. 22, 1778; m[d] Mary French.
269. ii. Joshua,[6] b. Feb. 22, 1780.
270. iii. Milly[6] b. Aug. 19, 1782.
271. iv. Mary,[6] b. Oct. 12, 1784.
272. v. John,[6] b. Feb. 26, 1786.
273. vi. Nathan,[6] b. Jan. 16, 1793.

(112.) **Benjamin[5] Towne, Jr.** (*Benjamin,[4] Joseph,[3] Edmund,[2] William[1]*), resided at Sturbridge as early as 1747; bought a tract of land there in 1763, and in 1781 sold it to Jonathan Morris, of Woodstock, Conn., for £400, silver money, and soon after left the place. His wife d. Oct. 10, 1788. Their children were:

274. i. Nathan,[6] b.
275. ii. Eunice,[6] b.
276. iii. Hannah,[6] b. June 3, 1742.

277. iv. Mary,[6] b.
+278. v. Benjamin,[6] b. June 17, 1745; m[d] Wid. Martha Hitchcock.
279. vi. Nathaniel,[6] b. Dec. 22, 1747.
280. vii. Susannah,[6] b. June 3, 1749.
281. viii. Sarah,[6] b. June 9, 1752.
282. ix. Daniel,[6] b. Nov. 25, 1753.
283. x. Ruth,[6] b. Nov. 3, 1756.
284. xi. Mirriam,[6] b. July 23, 1758.
285. xii. Joseph,[6] b. Sept. 16, 1760.
286. xiii. Anna,[6] b. June 25, 1762.
287. xiv. Abagail,[6] b. April 10, 1767.

(113.) Ephraim[5] Towne (*Benjamin,[4] Joseph,[3] Edmund,[2] William[1]*), married Sarah Bragg, of Wenham, Feb. 19, 1749. Children were:

288. i. Mary,[6] b. April 26, 1751.
289. ii. Ephraim,[6] b. Jan. 5, 1753.

(114.) Jacob[5] Towne (*Benjamin,[4] Joseph,[3] Edmund,[2] William[1]*), twin brother of Joseph, No. 115, b. March 7, 1728; married Elizabeth Perkins, April 1, 1766. He d. in Sept., 1807, æ. 79; and his wife d. May 12, 1800, æ. 68 years; leaving one son, b. at Topsfield:

+290. i. Jacob,[6] b. July 27, 1768; m[d] Mary Perkins.

(116.) Eli[5] Towne (*Benjamin,[4] Joseph,[3] Edmund,[2] William[1]*), b. March 3, 1731; married Elizabeth Gould, May 2, 1754, who was b. 1736, and d. April 27, 1799. He was in the Revolutionary War; and d. Oct. 14, 1800, at Sturbridge, Mass., æ. 69. Their children were:

291. i. Elizabeth,[6] b. Feb. 13, 1755; d. Oct. 23, 1756.
+ 292. ii. Eli,[6] b. March 1, 1757; m[d] Abagail Cutting.
293. iii. Susanna,[6] b. Oct. 7, 1758.
294. iv. Lydia,[6] b. Sept. 22, 1760.
295. v. Jacob,[6] b. Oct. 3, 1762; m[d] Jerusha Harding.

296. vi. Ruth,[6] b. Nov. 7, 1764.
297. vii. Hannah,[6] b. Dec. 29, 1766.
298. viii. Daniel,[6] b. March 4, 1769; d. March 5, 1770.
+ TWINS 299. ix. Elijah,[6] b. Oct. 28, 1771; m[d] Miriam Lane.
TWINS 300. x. Elisha,[6] b. Oct. 28, 1771; m[d] Eleanor Bond.
301. xi. Solomon,[6] b. Sept. 5, 1773; m[d] Hannah B. Hazeltine.
302. xii. Daniel,[6] b. March 4, 1776.
303. xiii. Amos,[6] b. March 14, 1779.

(118.) **Edmund**[5] **Towne** (*Benjamin*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Edmund*,[2] *William*[1]), triplet son, married Their children were:

+304. i. Edmund,[6] b. m[d] Eunice Spencer
and Polly Fitch.
+305. ii. Benjamin,[6] b. m[d] Sarah Burt.
306. iii. ,[6] b.
307. iv. ,[6] b.
308. v. ,[6] b.

(119.) **Ezra**[5] **Towne** (*Benjamin*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Edmund*,[2] *William*[1]), a triplet son, b. at Topsfield, April 30, 1736; married 1st, Elizabeth ———, at Topsfield; 2d, he married Elizabeth Dutton, at New Ipswich, N. H., March 8, 1769; who d. May 13, 1787. He married 3d in 1788, Keziah, wid. of William Start. He was a resident of New Ipswich as early as 1763; commanded a company at the battle of Bunker Hill; having left home on the memorable 19th of April, with his son Ezra,[6] then fifteen years of age.

The next year, at the head of a company, he went to Canada, sharing in the hardships of that campaign till Burgoyne's surrender. He was afterward chosen Col. of the New Ipswich Regiment, and held the position till his death, in Dec. 1795, which was caused by an injury with a hay-hook, which proved fatal in a few hours. The hook, with a label attached, telling the sad story, still hangs in the house where he lived and died. On his tombstone is inscribed,

"A true friend of his country and an active officer in the Revolutionary War." Children by 1st wife:

309. i. Ezra, Jr.,[6] b. March 29, 1759; m[d] Rebecca Jenks.
310. ii. Rebecca,[6] b. July 25, 1763.
311. iii. Elizabeth,[6] b. May 21, 1765.
312. iv. Elijah,[6] b. Feb. 11, 1767; m[d] Elizabeth Flagg.

By 2d wife:

313. v. Nehemiah,[6] b. Aug. 11, 1769.
314. vi. Luther,[6] b. May 5, 1772; d. Sept. 9, 1775.
315. vii. Rhoda,[6] b. June 2, 1774; d. 1775.
316. viii. Rhoda,[6] b. Feb. 26, 1776.
317. ix. Mercy,[6] b. May 5, 1778.
318. x. Wilder,[6] b.
319. xi. Rachel,[6] b. June 19, 1782.

By 3d wife:

320. xii. Jeremiah,[6] b. Feb. 11, 1792.

(121.) Joseph[5] Towne (*Nathan*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Edmund*,[2] *William*[1]), married Sarah Kimball, of Andover, May 14, 1747. Their children were:

321. i. Simeon,[6] b. July 6, 1747; d. Jan. 23, 1749.
322. ii. Sarah,[6] Feb. 20, 1749; m[d] Ephraim Foster.
+323. iii. Simeon,[6] b. July 31, 1751; m[d] Hepzibah Symonds.
324. iv. Phebe,[6] b. June 3, 1755; m[d] Nathaniel Abbott.
325. v. Dorothy,[6] b. March 3, 1758; m[d] John Foster.
326. vi. Esther,[6] b. May 17, 1760; m[d] Amos Towne, No.
327. vii. Elizabeth,[6] b. May 15, 1763; m[d] Abner Foster.
328. viii. Rebecca,[6] b. March 23, 1768; m[d] —— Peabody.

(122.) Nathan[5] Towne (*Nathan*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Edmund*,[2] *William*[1]), b. April 25, 1720; married Mary Poole, and d. at Andover. Children were:

+329. i. Nathan,[6] b. July 11, 1744.
+330. ii. Benjamin,[6] b. Feb. 28, 1747; m[d] Mehitable

Chandler and Wid. Lucy Porter.

+331. iii. Peter,[6] b. Aug. 10, 1749; m[d] Lydia Abbott and Rebecca Sheldon.

332. iv. John,[6] b. Oct. 29, 1751; m[d] Patty Stiles.

(123.) Jonathan[5] Towne (*Nathan*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Edmund*,[2] *William*[1]), married Esther Gould, July 9, 1751. He resided for some time at Boxford; but finally settled at Rindge, N. H., where his estate was settled by his son Amos,[6] in 1785. His wid. was then living. Their children were:

333. i. Jonathan,[6] b. Jan. 9, 1753; d.

334. ii. Esther,[6] b. Jan. 2, 1756; m[d] Asa Clement.

335. iii. Amos,[6] b.

336. iv. Jesse,[6] b. Jan. 30, 1760.

337. v. John,[6] b. m[d] Hannah Russell.

+338. vi. Jedediah,[6] b. May 1, 1767; m[d] Eunice Rugg.

339. vii. Asa,[6] b.

340. viii. Lucy,[6] b. m[d] Amasa Green.

341. ix. Ruth,[6] b. m[d] Solomon Rugg, Nov. 25, 1789.

(126.) Asa[5] Towne (*Nathan*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Edmund*,[2] *Wm.*[1]), b. Aug. 25, 1729; married Mary Beverly, of Andover, April 6, 1749. He d. Sept. 9, 1764, æ. 35. Their children were:

342. i. Solomon,[6] b. Oct. 8, 1750; d. May 30, 1752.

343. ii. Mary,[6] b. Feb. 8, 1752.

344. iii. Solomon,[6] b. Dec. 9, 1753.

345. iv. Asa,[6] b. July 17, 1761; d. March 22, 1762.

346. v. Asa,[6] b. March 18, 1763.

(128.) Aaron[5] Towne (*Nathan*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Edmund*,[2] *William*[1]), b. July 24, 1734; married Hannah Beverly, Oct. 15, 1755. Their children were:

347. i. Moses,[6] b. July 3, 1756.

348. ii. Hannah,[6] b. Jan. 6, 1759; d. May 9, 1764.

349. iii. Aaron,[6] b. May 19, 1762; d. April 17, 1764.
350. iv. Hannah,[6] b. Oct. 7, 1764.
351. v. Aaron,[6] b. Aug. 25, 1769.

(137.) Francis[5] Towne (*Daniel,[4] Joseph,[3] Edmund,[2] William[1]*), b. at Topsfield, July 27, 1737; married Phebe, dau. of —— Towne, Feb. 26, 1760. He was deacon of the church in Topsfield, where a lane, near his residence, is still called "Frank's lane." He was a soldier in the French War, and was at Lake George. He removed to Rindge, N. H., and his estate was settled at Jaffrey, in 1809. Their children were:

352. i. Phebe,[6] b. April 6, 1763; m[d] Abraham Pierce.
353. ii. Rebecca,[6] b. June 4, 1765; m[d] Robert Dwinnell, June 23, 1785.
+354. iii. Francis, Jr.,[6] b. Sept. 1, 1767; m[d] Relief Huston, Nov. 12, 1789.
355. iv. Sarah,[6] b. March 13, 1769; m[d] S. Whitcomb, Oct. 20, 1788.
+356. v. Joshua,[6] b. Sept. 27, 1773; m[d] Mary Chadwick.
357. vi. Lydia,[6] b. March 24, 1775; m[d] M. Dwinnell, Oct. 31, 1795.
358. vii. Deborah,[6] b. April 17, 1777; m[d] John Emory, Dec. 25, 1806.
359. viii. Kate,[6] b. Jan. 7, 1780; m[d] Gates Rand, Nov. 1, 1803.
+360. ix. Greene,[6] b. May 25, 1782; m[d] Lucy Rand, Feb. 13, 1810.

Compiler's Note:

The author of "THE HISTORY OF RINDGE, N. H.," says that Dea. Francis Towne, No. 137, had an older daughter, named Lydia,[6] born Dec. 1, 1761, who died April 15, 1773; also that Phebe,[6] the second daughter, after the death of her first husband, Abraham Pierce, Sept. 12, 1802, married for 2d husband, Dec. 31, 1806, Lieut. Nathaniel Thomas, of Middleton, Mass. He also calls the husband of Rebecca,[6] No. 353, *Barthomew* D. instead of *Robert*, and also says Sarah,[6] No. 355, died *unmarried*, Oct. 1, 1851; also, between Deborah,[6] No. 358, and Kate,[6] No. 359, gives them another daughter, born Sept. 27, 1779; died same day. Thus giving the worthy couple eleven children.—E. H.

(139.) Thomas[5] Towne (*Jesse*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Edmund*,[2] *William*[1]).

361. i. Noah,[6] b. April 1756.
362. ii. Mary,[6] b. d. unmarried.
363. iii. Josiah,[6] b. m[d] Elizabeth Wakefield.
364. iv. Thomas,[6] b.
365. v. Israel,[6] b.

(144.) Samuel[5] Towne (*Amos*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Edmund*,[2] *William*[1]). His children were:

366. i. Huldah,[6] b.
367. ii. Samuel,[6] b.
368. iii. Mary,[6] b.
369. iv. Hannah,[6] b.
370. v. Amos,[6] b. May 9, 1772.

SAMUEL[5] TOWNE, above, married Hannah Wakefield, and removed to Newfield, Me.

(145.) Amos[5] Towne (*Amos*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Edmund*[2] *Wm.*[1]), was a Lieut. in the Continental Army, in the Company of Capt. John Elden, stationed at Dorchester heights. He married 1st, Jane Smith, by whom he had 11 children; and 2d, Sarah Miller, who brought him 6 more, as follows:

371. i. Robert,[6] b. May 3, 1761.
372. ii. Amos,[6] b. Feb. 6, 1763; d. March 6, 1763.
373. iii. Mary,[6] b. April 16, 1764; d. May 6, 1831; m[d] Benjamin Gould.
374. iv. Amos,[6] b. Jan. 14, 1766.
375. v. Elizabeth,[6] b. May 28, 1768; d. Oct. 17, 1793; m[d] Ephraim Abbott.
376. vi. Daniel,[6] b. Oct. 7, 1770; d. Oct. 1827; unmarried.
377. vii. Benjamin,[6] b. June 3, 1773; d. July, 1823; unmarried.
378. viii. Jane,[6] b. March 18, 1775; m[d] John Whitten.

379. ix. Jessie,[6] b. March 5, 1777.
380. x. Ezra,[6] b. Nov. 7, 1780; m[d] Betey Whitten.
381. xi. Alice,[6] b. May 24, 1784; m[d] John Lord.
382. xii. Lydia,[6] b. June 7, 1785; m[d] Daniel Nason.
383. xiii. Susan,[6] b. Aug. 14, 1786; m[d] David Lord and John Bickford.
384. xiv. Joseph,[6] b. Sept. 10, 1788; m[d] Mary Miller, and d. in the West Indies, in 1832.
385. xv. Lucy,[6] b. Feb. 9, 1790; m[d] Johnson Patten.
386. xvi. Jeremiah,[6] b. Oct. 26, 1791; d. April 15, 1808; unmarried.
387. xvii. John,[6] b. April 9, 1793; d. Aug. 28, 1809; unmarried.

(146.) **Daniel**[5] **Towne** (*Amos*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Edmund*,[2] *William*[1]), b. at Kennebunk Port, Me., Oct. 28, 1739; married Elizabeth Dorman, who was b. Sept. 4, 1752. Their children were:

388. i. Daniel,[6] b. Aug. 28, 1773.
389. ii. Eunice,[6] b. Oct. 16, 1775.
390. iii. Elizabeth,[6] b. Aug. 20, 1777.
391. iv. Sarah,[6] b. Feb. 6, 1780.
392. v. Samuel,[6] b. June 1, 1782.
393. vi. Mary,[6] b. March 30, 1784.
394. vii. Ruth,[6] b. Aug. 17, 1786.
395. viii. William,[6] b. Nov. 2, 1788.
396. ix. Stephen,[6] b. April 17, 1791.
397. x. Jedediah,[6] b. Oct. 24, 1793.
398. xi. Amos,[6] b. Oct. 24, 1796.

(149.) **Samuel**[5] **Towne** (*Samuel*,[4] *Samuel*,[3] *Edmund*,[2] *William*,[1]), b. at Topsfield, Aug. 8, 1727; married Mary, dau. of Richard Towne, No. ; he d. April 29, 1790, æ. 63; and his wid. d. May 21, 1816, æ. 87. Their children were:

399. i. Elizabeth,[6] b. Oct. 21, 1749; d.
400. ii. Thomas,[6] b. Nov. 14, 1752; m[d] Sarah Cole.

401. iii. Richard,[6] b. March 8, 1755; m[d] Jane Corey, Dec. 9, 1777.
402. iv. Enos,[6] b. Aug. 4, 1759; m[d] Elizabeth Moore.
403. v. Mary,[6] b. June 1, 1763.
404. vi. Elizabeth,[6] b. May 12, 1766.
405. vii. Allen,[6] b. April 26, 1769; d. March 1, 1783.

(158.) **Elijah**[5] **Towne** (*Israel*,[4] *John*,[3] *Jacob*,[2] *William*[1]), b. at Oxford, Feb. 16, 1719; married Lydia Lock; and removed to Warwick, where she d. April 9, 1771. Their children were:

406. i. Ebenezer,[6] b. Sept. 22, 1744.
407. ii. Lydia,[6] b. April 4, 1746.
408. iii. Merriam,[6] b. Sept. 25, 1748.
409. iv. Elias,[6] b. Oct. 1, 1750.
410. v. Ezekiel,[6] b. Aug. 27, 1753.
411. vi. Elijah,[6] b. July 8, 1754.
412. vii. Mary,[6] b. Aug. 2, 1756.
413. viii. Timothy,[6] b. April 9, 1758.
414. ix. Lois,[6] b. Sept. 2, 1760.
415. x. Lydia,[6] b. Feb. 26, 1763.
416. xi. Miriam,[6] b. March 30, 1765.
417. xii. Mary,[6] b. Jan. 12, 1768.

(159.) **Moses**[5] **Towne** (*Israel*,[4] *John*,[3] *Jacob*,[2] *William*[1]), b. at Oxford, Aug. 14, 1721; married Bethia Reed. Their children were:

418. i. Joseph,[6] b. July 24, 1747.
419. ii. Esther,[6] b. March 1, 1750.
420. iii. Elias,[6] b. Oct. 8, 1754.
421. iv. Sarah,[6] b. May 2, 1757.

(161.) **Israel**[5] **Towne** (*Israel*,[4] *John*,[3] *Jacob*,[2] *William*[1]), b. Feb. 12, 1727; married Naomi Stebbins, Oct. 17, 1754. She was b. Nov. 9, 1732, and d. Feb. 12, 1827. He d. at Belchertown, Dec. 1805, æ. 77. In 1749, he purchased land

at Cold Spring, now Belchertown, Mass.; where there children were born:

422. i. Amasa,[6] b. May 18, 1755; m[d] Margaret Smith.
423. ii. Jonathan,[6] b. Dec. 24, 1756; m[d] Mary Holbrook and Miriam Warner.
424. iii. William,[6] b. Jan. 16, 1759; m[d] Asenath Root.
425. iv. Joseph,[6] b. Feb. 22, 1761; m[d] Hannah Coleman.
426. v. Lucretia,[6] b. April 14, 1763.
427. vi. Benjamin,[6] b. Aug. 4, 1765; m[d] Mary Shumway, Lois Kenney, and Jemima Sterling.
428. vii. Abner,[6] b. July 19, 1767; m[d] Kezia Fairfield.
429. viii. Naomi,[6] b. March 7, 1770; m[d] Nathaniel Talmadge.
430. ix. Rebecca,[6] b. Sept. 9, 1772; m[d] Wilson White.
431. x. Susannah,[6] b. Dec. 8, 1774; m[d] Job Holbrook.
+432. xi. Salem,[6] Hon, b. March 5, 1779; m[d] Abagail King.

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(165.) Silas[5] Towne (*Ephraim,*[4] *John,*[3] *Jacob,*[2] *William*[1]), b. March 14, 1722; married Susannah Lock; was a deacon resided at Oxford and Warwick. Their children were:

433. i. Susannah,[6] b. March 6, 1746.
434. ii. Ephraim,[6] b. Jan. 18, 1748; d.
435. iii. Asa,[6] b. April 13, 1749.
436. iv. Sarah,[6] b. Aug. 23, 1751.
437. v. Ephraim,[6] b. Aug. 14, 1753; m[d] Huldah Gale.
438. vi. Silas,[6] b. Aug. 7, 1755.
439. vii. Lydia,[6] b. July 15, 1757.
+440. viii. Thomas,[6] b. Dec. 25, 1759; m[d] Ruth Dutton and Mary Coleman.
441. ix. Edmund,[6] b. Aug. 6, 1764; m[d] Nancy Fisher.

(166.) Edmund[5] Towne (*Ephraim,*[4] *John,*[3] *Jacob,*[2] *Wil-*

liam[2]), b. at Oxford, Aug. 19, 1724; married Abagail, dau. of Jonathan Brewer, of Framingham. She was bapt. March 29, 1724. In March, 1756, he was described as "of Fort Massachusetts," purchasing of David Brewer, son of Jonathan, deceased, a piece of land in New Framingham, being Lot No. 9. The following year, he sold the land for the same price he had paid, £19, 19s., 11d. His wife d. in 1772, and he in 1779. Their children were:

442. i. Abagail,[6] b. 1756; m[d] John Knight.
+443. ii. Edmund,[6] b. 1758; m[d] Lydia Luce and Wid. Polly Sabin.
444. iii. Catharine,[6] b. 1760; m[d] Stephen Patchen.
445. iv. David,[6] b.
446. v. Martha,[6] b.
447. vi. Jonathan,[6] b. m[d] —— Clark.
448. vii. Prudence,[6] b. Nov. 9, 1766; m[d] John Kingsley.
449. viii. Silas,[6] b. Oct. 1768.

(168.) Jacob[5] Towne (*Jonathan*,[4] *John*,[3] *Jacob*,[2] *William*[1]), b. Oct. 20, 1720, at Oxford; married Mary, dau. of Rev. John Campbell, first minister of Oxford. She was b. Feb. 11, 1724. He was in the old French War, and d. at Fort Edward, N. Y., Oct. 18, 1755. His wid. married Joseph Twiss, of Charlton District. The children of Jacob[5] and Mary (*Campbell*) Towne, were:

450. i. Esther,[6] b. Nov. 7, 1743.
451. ii. Jonathan,[6] b. Jan. 19, 1745.
+452. iii. Salem,[6] b. Oct. 21, 1746; m[d] Elizabeth Mayo and Ruth Moore and 3d, Wid. Comer.
453. iv. John,[6] b. Dec. 5, 1748.
454. v. Sylvanus,[6] b. Feb. 15, 1750; m[d] Margaret Watson and Ruth Hovey.
455. vi. Ichabod,[6] b. July 12, 1752.
456. vii. William,[6] b. Feb. 4, 1754; m[d] Mary Reynolds.
457. viii. Jacob,[6] b. Oct. 20, 1755.

(172.) John[5] Towne (*Jonathan,*[4] *John,*[3] *Jacob,*[2] *William*[1]), was b. Dec. 15, 1728, and married Dorothy Pratt, April 9, 1761. He removed to Otsego Co., N. Y., about A.D. 1800. Their children were:

458. i. Catharine,[6] b. Feb. 23, 1762.
459. ii. Tamar,[6] b. m[d] —— Putnam.
460. iii. John,[6] b. m[d] Dolly Gould.
461. iv. Daniel,[6] b.

(174) Josiah[5] Towne (*Jonathan,*[4] *John,*[3] *Jacob,*[2] *William*[1]), b. Aug. 10, 1734; married Susannah Rich, Aug. 13, 1756. He was in the war of the Revolution, and d. Feb. 14, 1821. She d. Nov. 25, 1788. Their children were:

462. i. Catharine,[6] b. May 23, 1757; m[d] John Fitz.
463. ii. Susannah,[6] b. June 8, 1759.
+464. iii. Josiah,[6] b. Aug. 12, 1761; m[d] Dorothy Hill.
465. iv. Richard Rogers,[6] b. May 2, 1764; m[d] Mary Coburn.

(181.) James[5] Towne (*Samuel,*[4] *John,*[3] *Jacob,*[2] *William*[1]), b. at Oxford, Oct. 11, 1722; married Ann Blood, in 1747. They removed to Belchertown, where he d. about 1774. She d. Nov. 25, 1788. Their children were:

466. i. Sarah,[6] b.
467. ii. Kezia,[6] b.
468. iii. James,[6] b.

(182.) Thomas[5] Towne (*John,*[4] *John,*[3] *Jacob,*[2] *William*[1]), was b. at Oxford, May 26, 1729; married Hannah, and removed to Gardner, Me. Their children were:

469. i. Sherebiah,[6] b.
470. ii. Ephraim,[6] b. m[d] Lucy Ballard and Eunice Stackpole.
471. iii. Edward,[6] b.
472. iv. Solomon,[6] b.
473. v. Hannah,[6] b.
474. vi. Elizabeth,[6] b.

(183.) Abner[5] Towne (*John*,[4] *John*,[3] *Jacob*,[2] *William*[1]), b. at Oxford, March 21, 1731; married Susanna Dana, and removed to Dummerston, Vt. Their children were:

+475. i. David Dana,[6] b. 1758; m[d] three wives.
+476. ii. Phineas,[6] b. Aug. 1, 1762; m[d] Wid. Lavinia Boyden.
477. iii. Perley,[6] b. m[d] Phebe Butler.

(184.) Isaac[5] Towne (*John*,[4] *John*,[3] *Jacob*,[2] *William*[1]), b. at Oxford, Aug. 17, 1733; married Huldah Pratt, and d. in 1775. His wid. married Samuel Bixby, who removed to Bethel, Me., where she is reported to have d., at the age of one hundred and four years.

The children of Isaac[5] and Huldah (*Pratt*) Towne, were:

478. i. Huldah,[6] b. Nov. 22, 1759; m[d] Jonathan Harris.
479. ii. Elisha,[6] b. Dec. 3, 1763.
480. iii. Alexander,[6] b. Dec. 3, 1765.
481. iv. Daniel,[6] b. Jan. 3, 1768; d.
482. v. Rufus,[6] b. Dec. 5, 1770.
483. vi. Isaac,[6] b. July 19, 1775.

(189.) Simon[5] Towne (*John*,[4] *John*,[3] *Jacob*,[2] *William*[1]), was b. at Oxford, Feb. 25, 1748; married Mary Pike; resided at Oxford till 1780; then at Charlton, at Dudley, and at Ashford, Conn., and d. at that place in Dec., 1837, æ. nearly 90 years. His wid. d. in 1838, æ. 93. Their children were:

+484. i. Daniel,[6] b. March 12, 1771; m[d] Azubah Daggett.
+485. ii. Thomas,[6] b. May 16, 1772; m[d] Mary Kelly.
+486. iii. Amos,[6] b. Feb. 25, 1774.
+487. iv. Joel,[6] b. March 12, 1776; m[d] Elizabeth Willard.
488. v. John,[6] b. Aug. 12, 1777.
489. vi. Mary,[6] b. Jan. 24, 1779.
490. vii. Sarah,[6] b. May 16, 1781; m[d] Jacob Sly.

491. viii. George,[6] b. Dec. 9, 1782; m[d] Parthena Willard.
492. ix. Hannah,[6] b. Nov. 22, 1784; m[d] Joseph Perrin.
493. x. Simon,[6] b. July 19, 1786.

(191.) Samuel[5] Towne (*John*,[4] *Jacob*,[3] *Jacob*,[2] *William*[1]), was b. at Topsfield, 1717; m[d] Eunice Emmons, of Greenwich, where he d. in Nov., 1778, æ. 61. His wid. d. July 6, 1784. Their children were:

494. i. Samuel,[6] b. Oct. 18, 1766; d. March 1787.
495. ii. Hannah,[6] b. May 11, 1769; d. Feb. 1787.
496. iii. Reuben,[6] b. Sept. 15, 1771.
+497. iv. Elijah,[6] b. March 10, 1774; m[d] Hannah Parkhurst.
498. v. Bethiah,[6] b.

(192.) Jonathan[5] Towne (*John*,[4] *Jacob*,[3] *Jacob*,[2] *William*[1]), was b. at Topsfield, May 25, 1719; married 1st, Sarah Fowler, of Hartford, Conn., who d. March 10, 1775, leaving 3 children; he married 2d, Abagail Hale, of Petersham, by whom he had 2 more children. He d. at Greenwich, Oct. 1, 1778, æ. 59. His wid. d. Feb. 17, 1826, æ. 86. Children:

499. i. Sarah,[6] b. Sept. 17, 1767.
+500. ii. Jonathan,[6] b. March 15, 1773.
+501. iii. Ichabod,[6] b. March 10, 1775; m[d] Lydia Whipple.
502. iv. Abagail,[6] b. April 18, 1777.
503. v. Elizabeth,[6] b. April 1779.

(193.) John[5] Towne, Jr., (*John*,[4] *Jacob*,[3] *Jacob*,[2] *William*[1]), b. at Topsfield, Dec. 5, 1729. When 19 years of age, he went with his father to Greenwich, where he married Mary Thomas, b. at Hardwick, Jan. 11, 1743. He was an active participant in both the French and Revolutionary Wars; and d. Jan. 9, 1820, æ. 90 years. His wid. d. Feb. 8, 1841, æ. 98 years. Their children were:

504. i. Jacob,[6] b. Nov. 24, 1762; d. July 5, 1777.
505. ii. Abagail,[6] b. Jan. 19, 1764; d. June 25, 1767.
506. iii. John,[6] b. Oct. 23, 1767; d.
507. iv. Mary,[6] b. Jan. 30, 1770.
508. v. Lucy,[6] b. July 3, 1772.
509. vi. Bethiah,[6] b. Feb. 21, 1775; d. March 16, 1775.
510. vii. Nathan,[6] b. June 25, 1778; m[d] Elizabeth Russell.
511. viii. Catharine,[6] b.

(197.) **Joshua**[5] **Towne** (*Jacob*,[4] *Jacob*,[3] *Jacob*,[2] *William*[1]), was b. Sept. 23, 1721; married Sarah Ball, Feb. 5, 1748. Their children were:

512. i. Jacob,[6] b. Dec. 15, 1750; m[d] Rachel Kane and Martha Hartwell.
513. ii. Lucy,[6] b.
514. iii. Joshua,[6] b. 1755; m[d] Sarah Peabody.
515. iv. Ruth,[6] b. m[d] Samuel Gould.
516. v. Sarah,[6] b. m[d] —— Fiske.

(199.) **Abner**[5] **Towne** (*Gideon*,[4] *Jacob*,[3] *Jacob*,[2] *William*[1]), b. at Topsfield, Feb. 5, 1722; married Sarah Butler. Their children were:

517. i. Moses,[6] b. April 1, 1747; m[d] Sarah Lawson.
+518. ii. Jabez,[6] b. Oct. 18, 1748.
519. iii. Jemima,[6] b. June 2, 1750.
+520. iv. Eliphalet,[6] b. April 13, 1752; m[d] Jerusha ——.
521. v. Joel,[6] b. July 3, 1754.
+522. vi. Amos,[6] b. May 29, 1756.
523. vii. Phebe,[6] b. Nov. 12, 1758.
524. viii. Hannah,[6] b. Feb. 2, 1761.
+525. ix. Solomon,[6] b. Aug. 30, 1763; m[d] Lois Butler and Abagail Jenkins.
526. x. Levi,[6] b. Dec. 6, 1766.
527. xi. Susanna,[6] b. Jan. 20, 1768.

(200.) Gideon[5] Towne (*Gideon,[4] Jacob,[3] Jacob,[2] William[1]*), b. at Topsfield, Feb. 21, 1724; married Martha, dau. of Thomas Stanley, Aug. 6, 1748. He settled at Attleboro, where his wife d. Nov. 5, 1799, æ. 76. He d. Oct. 6, 1802, æ. 78. Their children were:

+528. i. Thomas,[6] b. June 7, 1746; m[d]
529. ii. Hannah,[6] b. April 23, 1749.
530. iii. Lydia,[6] b. May 7, 1756; d. Nov. 13, 1836.
+531. iv. Abisha,[6] b. July 11, 1758; m[d] Lucinda Wellman.
532. v. Elizabeth,[6] b. Dec. 13, 1760; d. Nov. 19, 1836.
533. vi. Jane,[6] b. March 21, 1763.
534. vii. Benjamin,[6] b. Sept. 25, 1765.
535. viii. Chloe,[6] b. Feb. 11, 1770; m[d] Joseph Perry.

(204.) Jabez[5] Towne (*Jabez,[4] Jacob,[3] Jacob,[2] William[1]*), b. at Topsfield, March 4, 1734; married —— ——, had one child:

+536. i. Moses,[6] b. Sept. 6, 1757; m[d] Charlotte Underwood.

(207.) Jacob[5] Towne (*Jabez,[4] Jacob,[3] Jacob,[2] William[1]*), b. at Topsfield, Sept. 25, 1738; married Susanna Brown, of Boxford, Dec. 9, 1762. He removed to Keene, N. H., as early as 1767, where his wife d. May 4, 1793, æ. 51. He d. in 1830, æ. 91. Their children were:

537. i. Jacob,[6] b.
538. ii. Hepzibah,[6] b. m[d] —— Prouty.
+539. iii. Daniel,[6] b. July 1766; m[d] Sarah Banks.
540. iv. Mehitable,[6] b. m[d] William Balch.
541. v. Susannah,[6] b. d. Aug., 1817; unmarried.
+542. vi. Amos,[6] b. Feb. 25, 1775; m[d], Feb. 6, 1799, Betsey Wright.
+543. vii. John,[6] b. Oct. 17, 1777; m[d] Susannah Grimes.
544. viii. Samuel,[6] b.

(208.) Elijah[5] Towne (*Jabez,[4] Jacob,[3] Jacob,[2] William[1]*), b. at Topsfield, Sept. 11, 1740; was a Revolutionary soldier; married Eunice Dwinnell, and d. at Londonderry, N. H., in 1803. Their children were:

545. i. Eunice,[6] b. m[d] John Nourse.
546. ii. John,[6] b.
547. iii. Mary,[6] b. m[d] Marcus Rolfe.
548. iv. Moses,[6] b. m[d] Eunice Dwinnell.
549. v. Lydia,[6] b. m[d] Joel Barrett.
550. vi. Elizabeth,[6] b. m[d] David Crowell.
551. vii. Elijah,[6] b m[d] —— Holt.

(213.) John[5] Towne (*Elisha,[4] Jacob,[3] Jacob,[2] William[1]*), b. at *Boxford?* Sept. 22, 1740; married Ann Cummings, of Ipswich. He was a Revolutionary soldier, and was at the battle of Bunker Hill. He died at Boxford, leaving children:

+552. i. Asa,[6] b. Nov. 14, 1764; m[d] Dolly Lovejoy.
553. ii. Sarah,[6] b. March 12, 1766; m[d] Josiah Adams.
554. iii. Anna,[6] b. Sept. 2, 1767; m[d] Solomon Averill.
555. iv. Amos,[6] b. April 17, 1769.
+556. v. John,[6] b. Aug. 27, 1771; m[d] Lois Peabody.
+557. vi. Solomon,[6] b. May 10, 1774; m[d] Lydia Goodale.
558. vii. Joseph,[6] b. Oct. 22, 1777.
+559. viii. Daniel,[6] b. Sept. 30, 1779; m[d] Hannah Harris.
+560. ix. Samuel,[6] b. March 24, 1783; m[d] Charlotte Fletcher.
561. x. Lucy,[6] b. Oct. 3, 1785; m[d] David Johnson.
562. xi. Oliver,[6] b.

(223.) Archelaus[5] Towne (*Israel,[4] Joseph,[3] Joseph,[2] William[1]*), was b. at Topsfield in 1734, and when about 6 years of age, came with his father to Narragansett, No. 3, now Amherst, N. H. He was remarkable for bodily strength and power of endurance. He m[d] Martha, dau. of Isaac Abbott, of Monson, now Milford, N. H. He was com-

mander of a military company in the Revolutionary War, and d. at Fishkill, N. Y., in 1779, æ. 45 years. His wife d. Aug. 1773, æ. 36. Their children were:

563. i. Archelaus,[6] b.
564. ii. John,[6] b.

(224.) Israel[5] Towne (*Israel,[4] Joseph,[3] Joseph,[2] William[1]*), was b. in Topsfield, Nov. 16, 1736; accompanied his parents in their removal to Narragansett No. 3. He married, July 31, 1760, *Lydia*, or Lucy? dau. of Benjamin Hopkins; and in 1782, purchased a tract of land at Stoddard, N. H., for £8co, and, immediately after, removed there. He was an enterprising, active, and useful citizen, and d. at Stoddard, April 28, 1813, æ. 77 years. His posterity are numerous in Stoddard and vicinity. Children:

565. i. Israel,[6] b. June 14, 1761.
566. ii. William,[6] b. July 21, 1763.
+567. iii. Gardner,[6] b. May 1, 1765; m[d] Lucy Bancroft.
568. iv. Benjamin,[6] b. March 23, 1767.
569. v. Andrew,[6] b. July 11, 1769.
570. vi. Lydia,[6] b. April 11, 1772; d. Aug. 28, 1777, æ. 5 years.
571. vii. Daniel,[6] b. Aug. 20, 1774.
572. viii. Hannah,[6] b. Aug. 28, 1776; m[d] Ebenezer Bancroft, of Dunstable: d. Oct. 1872, æ. 96.
573. ix. Lemuel,[6] b. May 10, 1782.

(225.) Moses[5] Towne (*Israel,[4] Joseph,[3] Joseph,[2] William[1]*), b. 1738, married Mary, dau. of Samuel Gray, of Amherst, Dec. 3, 1761; she d. Oct. 19, 1775, æ. 31 years, and he Feb. 9, 1824, æ. 86. Children:

574. i. Sarah,[6] b. Dec. 10, 1762; m[d] Joseph Towne, No.
575. ii. Samuel Gray,[6] b. May 25, 1764; d. unmarried in 1848, æ. 84.

+576. iii. Moses,[6] b. Aug. 26, 1766.
577. iv. Mary,[6] b. Sept. 17, 1768; d. in 1779, æ. 11.
578. v. Elizabeth,[6] b. Oct. 27, 1770; m[d] True W. Gilman.
579. vi. Lemuel,[6] b. June 17, 1773; d. in 1776.

(231.) Bartholomew[5] Towne (*Elisha,[4] Joseph,[3] Joseph,[2] William[1]*), b. at Topsfield, April 8, 1741; married Mary Cummings. He took part in the Revolutionary struggle, and d. at Milford, N. H., about 1800. His wid. d. about 1822, æ. 62. They had children:

580. i. Mary,[6] b.
+581. ii. Elisha,[6] b. Aug. 28, 1775.

(232.) Thomas[5] Towne (*Elisha,[4] Joseph,[3] Joseph,[2] William[1]*), b. Feb. 8, 1743; married 1st, Elizabeth, dau. of Joseph Towne, No. of Thompson, Conn., and 2d, Sarah Burton, of Wilton, N. H. He removed to Foxcroft, Me. Their children were:

582. i. Sarah,[6] b. m[d] Willard Lund.
+583. ii. Joseph,[6] b. Feb. 22, 1771.
+584. iii. Thomas,[6] b. Jan. 19, 1773.
585. iv. Eli,[6] b. Aug. 10, 1774.
+586. v. David Burton,[6] b. Oct. 5, 1775.
587. vi. Moses,[6] b. June 2, 1778.
+588. vii. Abel,[6] b. Sept. 9, 1779.
589. viii. Samuel,[6] b. June 19, 1782.
590. ix. Francis Paine,[6] b. May 7, 1784; d. 1802, æ. 18.
591. x. Abagail,[6] b. Jan. 18, 1786; m[d] Amos Fletcher, of Hollis, N. H.
592. xi. Betsey,[6] b. April 30, 1788; m[d] Joshua Howard.
593. xii. Sarah,[6] b. March 4, 1790; m[d] Joshua Bailey.
594. xiii. Mary,[6] b. March 4, 1790; m[d] Thomas McColly.

(236.) David[5] Towne (*David,[4] Joseph,[3] Joseph,[2] William[1]*), b. at Topsfield, March 17, 1744; m[d] Susanna Averill, and d. Feb. 26, 1815, æ. 71. Their children were:

+595. i. Ebenezer,[6] b. June 26, 1773; settled at Hodgdon, Me.
596. ii. Sarah,[6] b. Nov. 3, 1775; d. July 23, 1778.
597. iii. Mary,[6] b. Dec. 29, 1777.
+598. iv. David,[6] b. March 6, 1780.
599. v. Sarah,[6] b. Sept. 10, 1782.
+600. vi. Joseph,[6] b. Oct. 24, 1784.
+601. vii. Luke,[6] b. June 12, 1787.

(242.) **Jonathan[5] Towne** (*Jonathan,[4] Joseph,[3] Joseph,[2] William[1]*), b. at Topsfield, April 28, 1754, went with his parents, when six years of age, to their new home, in the wilderness, at Munson, now Milford, N. H. In Oct., 1783, he married Mary, dau. of Samuel Blanchard. She was b. Feb. 6, 1748, and d. April 14, 1829, æ. 81. He was one of the founders of the church in Milford, lived on the same farm for eighty years, and seemed a fair probability that he would live to complete a century, but for a fever, which caused a rapid decline, and he d. Dec. 31, 1842, æ. 88. Their children were:

+602. i. Jonathan,[6] b. Aug. 6, 1784; m[d] Clarrissa Hoyt.
603. ii. David,[6] b. Jan. 18, 1786.
604. iii. Mary,[6] b. Nov. 10, 1787.

(245.) **Aaron[5] Towne** (*Jonathan,[4] Joseph,[3] Joseph,[2] William[1]*), b. at Milford, N. H., March 14, 1761; married 1st, Abagail Johnson, of Goffstown, N. H., and 2d, *Mrs.* Lois Stocker, of Andover, Vt. His children were:

605. i. Hannah,[6] b. Nov. 19, 1788; d. May 23, 1810.
606. ii. Abagail,[6] b. Jan. 22, 1791; m[d] Joseph Whiting.
607. iii. Aaron,[6] b. Jan. 20, 1794; d. July, 1810.
608. iv. Enoch Page,[6] b. Feb. 5, 1796.
609. v. Mary,[6] b. May 1, 1798; m[d] James Stocker, Springfield, Vt.
610. vi. Susan,[6] b. Aug. 31, 1801; m[d] Freeman Lyon, Landgrove, Vt.

(248.) Ichabod[5] Towne (*John*,[4] *John*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *William*[1]), b. at Topsfield, Nov. 26, 1729, removed with his parents to Sutton, where he married Jemima Stockwell, Dec. 5, 1751. They were both admitted to the church there in 1769; and had 6 children bapt. They were dismissed to the church in Athol, Oct. 23, 1785, and he d. at Gerry, now Phillipston, Jan. 7, 1794. Children:

611. i. Jemima,[6] b. Feb. 23, 1755; m[d] Noah Stockwell.
+612. ii. Elijah,[6] b. Jan. 13, 1757.
613. iii. Mary,[6] b. Jan. 23, 1759.
614. iv. Aaron,[6] b. Nov. 15, 1762.
615. v. Hannah,[6] b. April 4, 1767; m[d] Ziba Stockwell.
616. vi. Sarah,[6] b. Feb. 12, 1769; m[d] Asa Wesson.

(250.) William[5] Towne (*John*,[4] *John*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *William*[1]), b. at Topsfield, Feb. 10, 1733; married Catharine Waite, at Sutton, Oct. 18, 1758. He was a land surveyor, and removed from Sutton to Royalton, *Vt.*, where he married a 2d wife, and d. Oct. 28, 1811, in his 79th year. His children were:

617. i. Elizabeth,[6] b. Nov. 7, 1759; d. unmarried, Nov. 7, 1808.
618. ii. Anna,[6] b. May 19, 1761; m[d] Dea. Ammi Faulkner, and d. Dec. 5, 1817.
619. iii. William,[6] b. d. in infancy.
620. iv. John,[6] b. Sept. 9, 1768.
621. v. Jemima,[6] b. m[d] Silas Foster, of Bethel, Vt.
622. vi. Mary,[6] b. d. young.
623. vii. Mercy,[6] b. d. young.
624. viii. William,[6] b. m[d] Esther Bellows.
625. ix. Sarah,[6] b. m[d] Timothy Richardson, of Waterford, Vt.
626. x. Thankful,[6] b. m[d] Isaac Richardson, of Waterford, Vt.

627. xi. Moses,[6] b.
628. xii. Aaron,[6] b. d. young.
629. xiii. Mary,[6] b. m[d] Isaac Clement, of Croydon, N. H.

(258.) Asa[5] Towne (*John*,[4] *John*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *William*[1]), was b. in Sutton; married Eunice, dau. of Isaac Towne, No. His estate was settled at Sutton, in 1816. His children were:

630. i. Eunice,[6] b. m[d] Ebenezer Trumbull.
631. ii. Dorcas,[6] b. m[d] Peter Trumbull.
632. iii. Anna,[6] b.

(260.) Bartholomew[5] Towne (*Bartholomew*,[4] *John*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *William*,[1]), b. at Sutton, Dec. 10, 1742; married Betsey Rice, Jan. 22, 1767, and removed to Windsor, Berkshire Co. Their children were:

633. i. Aaron,[6] b. Nov. 10, 1767.
634. ii. Peter,[6] b. Nov. 10, 1768.
635. iii. Oliver,[6] b. Oct. 13, 1773.
636. iv. Jonathan,[6] b. Sept. 25, 1778.

(262.) Reuben[5] Towne (*Bartholomew*,[4] *John*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *William*[1]), was b. at Sutton, July 29, 1746; married Sarah Dodge, July 7, 1767. His estate was settled in 1775. Their children were:

637. i. Reuben,[6] b. Sept. 12, 1770.
638. ii. Sarah,[6] b. 1774.

THE TOWNE FAMILY.

PART THREE.

Historical, Genealogical, and Biographical Memoranda

OF A PART OF THE

DECENDANTS OF THE FIRST FIVE GENERATIONS

OF THE

TOWNE FAMILY IN AMERICA.

Compiled mainly from family records and private correspondence.

SIXTH GENERATION.

(189.) (72.) (20.) (6.)

(487.) **Joel**[5] **Towne** (*Simon*,[5] *John*,[4] *John*,[3] *Jacob*,[2] *William*,[1]), was born in the town of Oxford, Mass., March 12, 1776. He was fourth, in a family of ten children. When he was about 4 years of age, his father removed to Charlton, the town adjoining Oxford, on the west. Of this town, incorporated in 1754, "Barber's Hist. Coll.," p. 561, says: "The lands of this township were, at first, thought of very little value, being rough and hard of cultivation, and the settlement proceeded slowly. In 1783, Rev. Archibald Campbell was installed over the church here, and continued with them for 10 years." He was a direct descendant of Robert Campbell, a Scotchman, who emigrated from Ulster County, Ireland, in 1719, and settled at Voluntown, Conn., in 1723. One or more of his descendants intermarried with the Towne family; and he was also the direct ancestor of GEORGE C.[6] CAMPBELL (*Charles*,[5] *Isaac*,[4] *Charles*,[3] *Charles*,[2] *Robert*[1]), now one of the leading lawyers of Chicago. The family soon after removed to the adjoining town of Dudley bordering south on the Conn. line. They seem to have

remained here but a short time, as they are heard from, soon after, at Woodstock, Conn., and then at Ashford, in the same State, where the father of the family died in Dec., 1837, aged nearly ninety, and the mother, Mary *(Pike)*, died the next year, aged ninety-three.

Joel[6] Towne married Elizabeth Willard.

Their children, born at Dudley, Mass., were:

651. i. Celestina,[7] b. Oct. 8, 1801; m[d], Jan. 20, 1822, John Pope, of Thompson, Conn.; who was b. Sept. 1799, and d. in the town of Somerville, Mass., Dec. 13, 1870; she d. April 11, 1871, at the house of her dau., Mrs. P. M. Harwood, of Somerville. Their children were: i. Willard, who d. at the age of 11 or 12 years; ii. William, who d. in 1871; iii. Louisa C., who m[d] P. M. Harwood, and d. Jan. 8, 1876; and iv. Mary, who d. Aug. 23, 1871.

652. ii. George W.,[7] b. April 15, 1804; who m[d], April 12, 1847, Sally, dau. of Elbridge and Rhoda *(Cook)* Cass, who was b. July 15, 1817, and d. in the town of Union, Conn., April 11, 1851. He m[d], March 20, 1853, for 2d wife, Wid. Hannah Squires; and d., without children, Dec. 13, 1863.

653. iii. Nelson Parker,[7] b. Nov. 1, 1806, in the town of Dudley, Worcester County, Mass. He was a thorough mechanic, a millwright by trade, was a successful business man, and much esteemed by his fellow-citizens. He m[d], Sept. 10, 1828, Miss Julia A., dau. of Moses, Jr., and Susanna *(Towne)* Dresser, of Dresser Hill, Charlton, Mass., who was b. Jan. 27, 1811, and d. July 16, 1870. He d. near Portland, Me., and was buried at Charlton, Nov. 24, 1846, æ. 40 years.

654. iv. Semira P.,[7] b. Aug. 24, 1809; m[d], March 9, 1828, Danforth Childs; and d. Sept. 28, 1865.

655. v. Oliver W.,[7] b. March 29, 1812; m[d] Julia Stoler.

656. vi. Betsey,[7] b. April 21, 1816; m[d] Gilbert Rosebrook, by whom she had three children, viz.: i. Alonzo G., b. Dec., 1837, who m[d] Abagail Griffeth; ii. Angeline, b. July, 1840, who m[d] Dexter Robbins; and iii. Ellen, b. Feb. 1845. After the death of Mr. Rosebrook, his wid. m[d] Uriah P., son of David Marcy, of Holland.

657. vii. Rejoice Foster,[7] b. June 15, 1819; who m[d], Aug. 22, 1843, Elizabeth Chloe, dau. of Col. Moses C. and Elizabeth *(Kinney)* Sessions, of Union, Conn. She was b. on the 14th day of August, 1824, at Union, Conn., where they now (1880) reside. They have had seven children, and one grandchild, for a list of whom, see Nos. 926 to 933.

(No. 487.) Mr. Joel[6] Towne, died at Ashford, Conn., Sept. 24, 1863, aged 87.

SEVENTH GENERATION.

(651.) Celestina[7] Towne *(Joel,[6] Simon,[5] John,[4] John,[3] Jacob,[2] William[1])*, married, Jan. 20, 1822, John Pope; who was born at Thompson, Conn., Sept., 1799. They had 3 children: two sons. The eldest died at the age of 12 or 15. The 2d son, William,[8] married and died about 1871, leaving a widow, 1 son, and 2 or 3 daughters. John and Celestina[7] *(Towne)* Pope, had also 1 daughter, LOUISA C.[8] *(Pope)*, who married P. M. Harwood, of Somerville, Mass., and died Jan. 8, 1876. At the house of this daughter, her father, Mr. John Pope, died Dec. 13, 1870, aged 71 years and 4 months, and also her mother, Wid. Celestina[7] *(Towne)* Pope, died April 11, 1871, aged 69 years and 6 months.

(653.) Nelson Parker[7] Towne (*Joel*,[6] *Simon*,[5] *John*,[4] *John*,[3] *Jacob*,[2] *William*[1]), was born at Dudley, Mass., Nov. 1, 1806; and married Miss Julia A., daughter of Moses, Jr., and Susanna (*Towne*) Dresser, of Charlton, Mass., Sept. 10, 1828. She was born Jan. 27th, 1811, died July 16th, 1870. Their children, born at Charlton, Mass., were:

658. i. Alban Nelson,[8] b. May 26, 1829; m[d] Caroline Amelia Mansfield.

659. ii. Moses Dresser,[8] b. Aug. 15, 1831; m[d] Ellen Wright.

(659.) Moses Dresser[8] Towne, son of Nelson P.[7] and Julia A. (*Dresser*) Towne, was born at Charlton, Mass., Aug. 15, 1831, came from Mass. to Chicago, and entered the service of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad as fireman, and afterward as locomotive engineer. He was in the employ of the same Company as train and yard master. In these various positions he was occupied for more than twenty years, accomplishing well, and to the satisfaction of his employers, all the work assigned him. He has recently retired from Railroad service, to engage in other business. On the fifteenth of Dec., 1855, he married Miss Ellen Wright, of Grafton, Mass.

660. iii. Lewis Willard,[8] b. Sept. 4, 1833; m[d] Clara C. Cooper.

661. iv. Horace Alonzo,[8] b. July 12, 1835; m[d] Sarah E. Miller and Emma M. Scoville.

662. v. Semira Maria,[8] b. Sept. 14, 1837; m[d] Francis H. Nichols and *Wm. F. Shelton.*

663. vi. Semantha Sophia,[8] b. Sept. 14, 1837; m[d] Geo. E. Marsh, April 11, 1861.

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664. vii. Susan Elizabeth,[8] b. Dec. 21, 1839; m[d] Norval Newell; and d. the 19th of Oct., following.

665. viii. Amelia Louisa,[8] b. Jan. 8, 1842; d. Sept. 23, 1856.

666. ix. Marcus Morton,[8] b. May 28, 1844; m[d] Hattie L. Ayer.

(No. 666.) **Marcus Morton[8] Towne,** youngest son of Nelson P.[7] and Julia A. Towne, born at Charlton, Mass., May 28, 1844, came to Chicago in 1862, when about 18 years of age, and, having learned the telegraph business, entered the service of the C., B. & Q. Railroad; in August, of the same year, was promoted, and located at Aurora, Ill. In the spring of the next year, he accepted an offer from the Chicago & North-Western Road, and located at Sterling, Ill. From there he was transferred to act as train dispatcher for the superintendent of the Wisconsin Division of the same road; then to the office of the superintendent of the Galena Division. In 1867, he was sent to Boone, Iowa, as train dispatcher of the Western Iowa Division. He married, Jan. 19, 1869, Miss Hattie L. Ayer. In 1872, he accepted the appointment of assistant-superintendent of the Atchison & Nebraska Railroad, then completed from Atchison, Kan., to Lincoln, Neb.; and two weeks after, when the general superintendent was killed by an accident on the line, the management of the whole road was placed in the hands of Mr. Towne, and its duties discharged by him satisfactorily, until May, 1873, when he received a call from the Mo., Kan. & Texas Railroad, to act as superintendent of the Missouri Division. Subsequently, all the other Divisions were placed under his care; in all, some 300 miles. In 1874, he left the railroad service, and became the proprietor of Ayer's Hotel and Railroad Restaurant, at Harvard, McHenry County, Ill., situated on the Chicago & North-Western Railroad, some 63 miles from that City; in which business he is still engaged. He is active, energetic, full of personal magnetism, very popular, and successful in his business.

EIGHTH GENERATION.

(658.) Alban Nelson[8] Towne (*Nelson P.*,[7] *Joel*,[6] *Simon*,[5] *John*,[4] *John*,[3] *Jacob*,[2] *William*[1]).

667. i. EVELYN AMELIA,[9] b. Sept. 2, 1862.

The following sketch is taken from "The Contemporary Biography of California's Representative Men."

ALBAN NELSON TOWNE.

IT is less than sixty years ago, that Thomas Gray, a thoughtful man, stood, one day, near a coal mine in the north of England, and watched a small train of wagons, impelled by steam along a tramway, which connected the mouth of one of the collieries of that district with the wharf at which the coals were shipped. "Why," asked Gray of the engineer, "are not these tramroads laid down all over England, so as to supersede our common roads; and steam engines employed to convey goods and passengers along them, so as to supersede horse-power?" The engineer laughed, and replied: "Just propose you that to the nation, and see what you will get by it; you would be worried to death for your pains." But the idea of superseding horse-power by steam, and the common roads by railroads, took possession of the brain of Thomas Gray; and, after long perseverance, during which he was opposed by the great majority of thinking and influential men, parliament, in 1826, passed an act authorizing the construction of the first British railway, properly so called. To Robert Stephenson, however, is commonly awarded the honor of first constructing a railway for general transportation. And the obstacles thrown in that man's way by all classes would probably be discredited at this day. Stephenson, himself, was once ducked in a fish-pond, by the Duke of Bridgewater's servants, while making a survey near the grounds of the Duke. Lord Derby's farmers, also, resisted the progress of Stephenson's surveying party. Members of

parliament declared that the proposed carriage would have to be stopped every time it rained; one member said that a gale of wind would sweep it from the track; another claimed that Stephenson was crazy, and that balloons and rockets were more feasible. One rabid opponent concluded a speech as follows: "Why, these lunatics claim that they can gallop at the rate of twelve miles an hour, with the aid of a devil in the form of a locomotive, sitting as postilion on the fore-horse, and an honorable member sitting behind him to stir up the fire and keep it at full speed. I will show that they cannot go six miles an hour, and that we can keep up with them with the canal." Upon the trial trip, however, over the Stockton and Darlington Railway, Mr. Stephenson drove his own engine, with a train of thirty-eight vehicles, including twenty-one wagons, with passengers, and a carriage filled with directors and their friends, at a speed of twelve miles an hour. The first use of a locomotive in this country, was in 1829; and, in all probability the most talked-of event of that year, was its arrival on the ship *John Jay*, at the foot of Beach Street, New York, in the month of May. This locomotive was called the Stourbridge Lion, and was built in England, for use on the railroad constructed by the Delaware and Hudson Canal Company, in 1828, from their coal mines to Honesdale.

On the twenty-sixth day of the month, made notable by the arrival of the first locomotive on this continent, A. N. Towne was born, at a village called Dresser Hill, in the south part of Charlton, Worcester County, Massachusetts. There was a peculiar and striking fitness in the coincidence of the birth of one who was destined to control and influence, in a very great degree, the utility of the new power, and the introduction of said locomotive itself. In the "New-England Historical and Genealogical Register," *memoranda* of the Towne family date back to the year A.D. 1274, when they are found to have been established at Alvely, a village

in Shropshire, Eng. The lineage, as traced through succeeding generations, is an honorable one; about the year 1640, the first of the name, known in the annals of local American history who left descendants, was an inhabitant of Salem, Mass. This was Wm. Towne, the progenitor of most of the name in the States of the American union. The descendant of whom this biography treats, was the eldest of a family of nine children, consisting of five brothers and four sisters, of whom all are living at the present time, with the exception of two of the sisters. Alban received a first-class home education, under the influence and teachings of a kind and considerate father, and an amiable mother, who endeavored to impress upon his mind, among other things, the honor and dignity of labor, and to inculcate principles of practical industry. Only limited school advantages, however, were allowed him, as circumstances beyond the control of either his parents or himself precluded the possibility of his entering the more advanced institutions of learning. But he acquired the rudiments of a fair English education, and improved upon his mental storehouse by constantly taking advantage of every opportunity for observation; which habit, to a great extent, neutralized the deficiency of what was in those days termed book learning, and enabled him, not only at that time, but through an active and elevated life, to more effectually overcome all obstacles.

On the early decease of his father, leaving a large family of children of tender years, Alban, in common with his brothers who were old enough to work, deeply felt the importance of putting forth every possible effort to assist the mother and those dependent upon her care. Although but eighteen years of age, and unable to earn much at a time and in a section of country where wages paid master-workmen, even, were small, he felt all the more actuated by a desire to make his mother and the younger children as comfortable as possible under the circumstances, and

fully recognized the necessity of labor, and became impressed with its dignity and of the importance of establishing a reputation of the highest character, to the end that he might enjoy the confidence and esteem of all with whom he came in contact. This and the uninterrupted affection he entertained for his mother, together with her desire to see her son succeed, animated him in all of his early movements along the sometimes turbulent and dreary current of life, and his rapid successions to honorable positions must be credited, therefore, to manly perseverance and the fulfillment of filial obligations, rather than to that prominence often attained through that germ generally denominated luck. Even before the death of his father, who, being a millwright, and who, necessarily, was away from home a great deal of his time, engaged in the erection of establishments that required the use of his mechanical skill, the subject of this sketch, for three years previous to his departure from home, had charge of, and ably managed, the farm upon which the family resided. At the age of seventeen, he entered into the service of an uncle, who was extensively engaged in the business of house, sign, and carriage painting, in the neighboring town of Webster, employing a large number of men. At the expiration of a two years' term of service with his uncle, he continued in the trade on his own account, but finding it not suited to his inclinations, and, besides, injurious to his health, he soon after abandoned it, and accepted a position in a mercantile house of the same place. In a year from this time, young Towne is found employed, in the same business, at Worcester, the county-seat, from whence, after a residence of eighteen months, he removed to the town of Danvers, having accepted an interest in a large mercantile business located at that place. Despite the bright prospects which this partnership held forth, it proved unsatisfactory, and at the end of fifteen months, he retired and went to Galesburg, Illinois, where two brothers

were employed upon the Chicago, Burlington, and Quincy Railroad. His intention was to continue in mercantile pursuits; but the general outlook at Galesburg, at that time, was not encouraging, and he was about to proceed to Chicago, when a position as brakesman upon a freight train was offered to him, through the intercession of one of his brothers, by Henry Hitchcock, the assistant superintendent, between whom and the recipient has since sprung up, and existed, a lasting friendship. One of Mr. Towne's notable characteristics is to decide quickly and act promptly; the offer, therefore, was at once accepted, thereby changing, in a moment, the plans and destiny of a life.

Reared a farmer, mechanically inclined, and trained a merchant, he possessed at this time a knowledge of men and business beyond his years, but, reasonably, could not then have realized what he soon afterwards must have learned in regard to the innumerable responsiblities attending, and the unceasing vigilance demanded by, railroad service. "I felt satisfied," Mr. Towne has since been heard to say, "that there was very much to learn, and that integrity, perseverance, and good temper, were elements I should possess if I would succeed." There were neither rich nor influential friends to push him forward; but energy of will, integrity of purpose, and years of patient labor have enabled this truly self-made man to attain an almost unparalleled eminence in his chosen profession. Comprehending and encountering the many obstacles that lie in the pathway of success such as he has attained, he labored incessantly to accomplish every task undertaken, and every duty imposed, however difficult or arduous it might be, or seemed to be. These efforts were evidently appreciated by his superiors, as promotion from the lower to the higher grades followed in quick succession, enabling him to rapidly acquire a general knowledge of details pertaining to the different departments, as well as of the

duties and responsibilities devolving upon men occupying high official stations. Passing through the various positions of train, track, and station service, he soon became thoroughly acquainted with the duties thereof, and being possessed of a good knowledge of mechanism, he took especial interest in the rolling stock, and made himself familiar with modes of construction and repairs. Naturally it was not long before he suggested and introduced many improvements in all branches of the service. From his boyhood days, it has been a habit with Mr. Towne to constantly observe, study, and define the characters of men, and he appears to have particularly adhered to this practice during the early years of his railroad experience. And to his regret, he discovered that many of the members of his profession, were men of weak morals; he was, also, brought into companionship with others who cared little for the interests they subserved, and apparently still less for their own future; and there were some among whom he was thrown, as in all other kinds of service, who were jealous and suspicious of those who rapidly ascended the ladder of life. But by unequivocally pursuing what he deemed to be right, in all things, Mr. Towne moved onward in a useful and active career, and nobly surmounted all such obstacles. The struggle upon many occasions, was certainly against great odds, as there were, at times, men of mark themselves who failed to discover, or who pretended not to see, the reasons for Mr. Towne's rapid promotion to positions of trust and responsibility. At comparatively an early day in the history of his identification, with the Chicago, Burlington, and Quincy Railroad, he was called to the general office of the company, in Chicago, and received notice that he was to serve as yard and train master. This promotion placed Mr. Towne more than ever hitherto in close business relationship with the general superintendent, Col. C. G. Hammond, one of the most superior railway managers our country has produced,

and a man eminently known for his rare christian virtues; it resulted, as a matter of course, that a model, such as Mr. Towne had developed himself to be, arrested the attention of the veteran superintendent, and after bestowing upon him a fatherly kindness, and extending much information acquired by years of labor and experience, Col. Hammond soon after appointed Mr. Towne assistant superintendent, which position he held for three years, when he accepted the general superintendency of the Chicago and Great Eastern Railway, connecting Chicago with Cincinnati. At the end of the year, for which he had been engaged, he became again attached to the Chicago, Burlington, and Quincy Railroad, in the high capacity of assistant general superintendent. In the meantime, he had been made the recipient of several excellent offers, among them two very tempting ones from the Pennsylvania R. R. Co. He continued as assistant general superintendent of the Chicago, Burlington, and Quincy Railway, however, until September, 1869, when he gave way to the alluring offer tendered him by the managers of what he considered the greatest railway in the world, and he accepted, and at present holds, the general superintendency of the Central Pacific Railroad. Thus, it will be seen that this gentleman has now given nearly a quarter of a century, the best portion of his life, to his profession, and has managed properties that must have demanded the greatest amount of energy, time, and talent, while his success is, moreover, in a measure, the reward of the long, honorable, and varied experience through which he has passed.

Born at the very beginning of a new epoch in the history of this country's prosperity, he has been fortunate to live through a period in which are chronicled great events, and unexampled progress. The summing up of the railways of the world built during that time will show them to number nearly two hundred thousand miles; the United States alone having upwards of eighty thousand miles, of

which, perhaps, a thirty-fifth part is under Mr. Towne's supervision, embracing twelve different and distinct companies. He also has under his control steamer lines on the navigable waters of the Sacramento and Colorado rivers, aggregating over three thousand miles of transportation lines.

The duties devolving upon a general superintendent at the head of transportation lines of such proportions are of so important a nature, that a never sleeping vigilance is required to fulfill the great and unceasing responsibilities. To efficiently discharge them, and to properly protect the interests and rights of the companies, the incumbent must possess certain special attainments. He must have a thorough knowledge of men, in order to select and organize efficient assistants as heads of the various departments, who are in constant communication with him on questions of complicated detail and matters of interest transpiring at all times over the entire system under his control. He must seek every possible avenue of earning, and know exactly the cost of operating, so as to secure the greatest amount of revenue; he must be familiar with the wants of the trade of interior sections of country, and possess a knowledge of their various products, and seek as much traffic as it is possible to secure; he must encourage and develop business, regulate rates, provide means of transportation, at all times, and direct in making and changing time-tables; his judgment must be called into requisition to decide, as it becomes necessary, for additional stations, tracks, buildings, rolling, and floating stock, and the repairs of the same; he must inspect and pass upon vouchers, examine reports, and inquire into the cause of accidents involving loss of life or damage to persons or property, and fairly and intelligently, and sometimes summarily, dispose of such cases; he must give attention to the complaints of the patrons of the lines, and, indeed, listen to all persons aggrieved, and listen patiently, too, to many senseless mur-

murs and demands; he is compelled to carefully dispose of all those who press their claims for favors to the exclusion of others; he has, also, to meet deputations of merchants, farmers, mechanics, and others, and consider their propositions, which are often of a nature demanding privileges and concessions that are inconsistent with the policy of the company or the laws of equity.

Personal magnetism, executive ability of a rare order, a concilitory spirit, and good address are the characteristics which eminently fit Mr. Towne for his high position. No person entirely unfamiliar with this great question of transportation—the greatest and most important of the age—can for a moment comprehend the weighty and pressing matters he has to lay before, and sometimes urge with, the board of directors or members thereof, with whom he is in daily and hourly communication and consultation; yet, how carefully and methodically one so greatly pressed with business must act, so as to be prudent and economical with his time, in the employment of each minute, is apparent to all business men. Of all the momentary trials with which the position is beset, however, there are probably none more difficult to endure and overcome than the many appeals of the unemployed seeking positions, and the continual demands for the alleviation of distress. To discriminate between capacity and incompacity, or between honest worth and imposition, surely burdens the thoughts and excites feelings of emotion, which must produce a great sympathetic strain upon a man of a sensitive nature.

Mr. Towne was married on September 25, 1850, to Miss Caroline Amelia Mansfield, daughter of Asahel Mansfield, of Webster, Massachusetts, whose family name appears conspicuously among the early settlers of New England. The only issue of this marriage, Miss Evelyn Amelia Towne, was born on September 2, 1862. Fond of general society, and subject to its demands, and having a large business acquaintance in this and foreign countries, Mr.

Towne's social circle is, of necessity, very widely extended; yet he loves his home so devotedly that the greeting and pleasure enjoyed there is far more welcome to him than that of any other place, and the greater part of his time, out of active business life, is spent with his family. He is and ever has been, a strictly temperate and prudent man in all things, is a gentleman of polished, quiet, and unassuming manners. In politics, he has ever been a staunch republican, taking an active interest in the welfare of the party, though never seeking nor desiring any political power or place. The benefactions and charities bestowed by him, without the slightest ostentation, are of daily occurrence. Mr. Towne is engaged in farming and industrial enterprises, outside of the railroad business, which in itself develops the resources and increases the wealth of a country to a greater extent than any other. It is impossible, in this brief sketch, to do full justice to the achievements and usefulness of a life gradually, but unerringly, lifted from obscurity to transplendent success and prominence. The lesson here involved is sufficient, however, to place upon the hill-tops of labor, as one of the beacons to the youths of the present day, warming and encouraging every young heart aspiring after the strength and beauty of a perfect manhood.

(660.) Lewis Willard[3] Towne (*Nelson P.*,[7] *Joel*,[6] *Simon*,[5] *John*,[4] *John*,[3] *Jacob*,[2] *William*[1]), was born at Charlton, Sept. 4, 1833; m[d] Clara C. Cooper, of Rome, N. Y.; lived at Charleston, S. C. They had one son:

668. i. Lewis W., Jr.,[9] b. March 3, 1853; m[d] Roxa Galtra, May 17, 1876,.

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LEWIS WILLARD TOWNE.

(660.) Lewis Willard[3] Towne was born in Charlton, Massachusetts, Sept. 4, 1833. He descended from an

English family that immigrated to America in the sixteenth century and settled in New England, where the descendants have generally remained. His great grandfather, No. 189, Simon[5] Towne, was born in Massachusetts, in 1743, and his grandfather, No. 487, Joel[6] Towne, was a native of the same State, and born in 1776.

His father, No. 653, Nelson Parker[7] Towne, born in Massachusetts, in 1806, was a thorough mechanic, and by occupation a millwright; he was a successful business man, and highly esteemed as a citizen. He married Miss Julia A. Dresser, Sept. 10, 1828, and his death occurred in 1844, leaving his widow with nine children, of whom Lewis Willard was the third.

Mrs. Julia A. Towne was a member of a well-known and prominent New England family, and was born on Dresser Hill, Charlton, Massachusetts, July 27, 1811, and died July 16th, 1870. Her family name appears among those who composed the officers when Charlton was first organized, and down to a recent period has been extensively known in its history, and specially marked by the skill and great energy displayed in active business operations. Her grandfather, Moses Dresser, was a major in the Revolutionary war. His residence, known as "Dresser Hill," is a site of grandeur, having an extensive landscape view rarely excelled for its picturesque beauty. By the enterprise of Major Dresser, this "Hill" became noted as a resort for military reviews and "general trainings" for many towns in the vicinity. These reviews were held under his command, and were occasions of merriment, congratulations, and hearty hand-shaking. The maternal grandmother of Lewis W. Towne was Susannah Towne, born May 3, 1790, and died Nov. 12, 1865, aged seventy-five years. She was of the same stock as his father's family; this branch sprang from Jacob Towne, born March 11, 1633, brother of Joseph, sons of William Towne.

Seven children of Nelson P. and Julia A. Towne are now

(1878) living. Alban N. Towne, the eldest, resides in San Francisco, California, and is the general superintendent of the Central Pacific Railroad, embracing under his management, including all the branches, about two thousand miles of railroad, besides seven hundred miles of river steamboat line. He has occupied this position for about eleven years.

Moses D. Towne, the second son of N. P. Towne, is in the employ of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, and resides in Quincy, Illinois.

The fourth son, Horace A. Towne, is now, and for several years has been, general superintendent of the Northern Pacific Railroad, with headquarters at Brainerd, Minnesota.

The youngest son, Marcus M. Towne, is proprietor of the hotel at Harvard Junction, Illinois, on the line of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad. He, at one time, held the position of assistant superintendent of the Atchison & Nebraska Railroad, and also of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway.

Semira is the wife of W. J. Shelton, of Wells, Elko Co., Nevada. Samantha is the wife of George Marsh, of Naperville, Illinois.

Lewis W. Towne was reared on a farm and was early accustomed to manual labor. His education was obtained in the common schools of Massachusetts, and consisted of a very correct knowledge of the English branches. At the age of fifteen he went to Whitinsville, Massachusetts, where he remained three years, engaged in learning the trade of a machinist. Possessed of ready perception and mechanical genius, always ambitious to excel in whatever he undertook, he soon acquired a thorough knowledge of his profession, and became a very superior workman. Having mastered his trade at the age of eighteen he went to Fall River, Massachusetts, and began work as a journeyman machinist, remaining there about one year. At the end of that time, the South presenting some attractions for an ambitious machinist, he went to Charleston, South Caro-

lina, and for one year was employed in the railroad shops of the South Carolina Railroad.

In 1852, he quit the shops and became a locomotive engineer, a business which he pursued until 1855. In the latter year he left South Carolina, and settling in Galesburgh, Illinois, obtained a situation as engineer on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railway. At the end of three years he was made foreman of the Company's machine and repair shops, at Quincy. This place he filled three years, when in 1861, he was selected as master mechanic of the Quincy division of the road.

In 1865, at the close of the war, he became superintendent of the machinery of the Hannibal & St. Joseph Railroad, and for four years acted in that capacity, to the entire satisfaction of his superior officers. At that time, Mr. C. W. Mead was the general superintendent of the road. Subsequently, the superintendency passed into the hands of Mr. George H. Nettleton, and in 1869, Mr. Towne was appointed assistant general superintendent. So thoroughly did he discharge the duties of this responsible trust, that four years later, in 1873, he was made general superintendent, and for two years managed the affairs of that road with consummate tact and ability.

In the spring of 1875, he was elected general superintendent of the Atchison & Nebraska Railway. Under his direction and management, the trade and travel, over this route, has largely increased. Atchison has derived from it a large benefit, and steadily grown in population and wealth, attracted thither by the advantages the road presents. The section of country through which the road runs, embracing some of the finest agricultural lands in the West, has been opened to cultivation and brought into proximity with the great Eastern markets. The beautiful valley of the Nemaha, a region of country, wonderfully rich in productive energy, has thus been made to contribute its proportion of material wealth, and has added largely to

the assessable property of the State. It will thus be seen that Mr. Towne's course has been steadily upward. By his energetic labor, he has won a position of profit and honor, and, by a life of integrity, he has endeared himself to the best men of the country.

But it is not alone as a thorough and competent railroad manager that he is to be remembered. In the multiplicity of his business engagements he has found time to make himself a thorough farmer and stock-raiser. He owns a fine body of land near Clarence, Shelby County, Missouri, which he cultivates with great success and profit. This farm (known as Highland Stock Farm) embraces several hundred acres of land, between six and seven hundred of which are inclosed, and in a high state of cultivation. He has bestowed on this place a large amount of care and expense, and is now rewarded in the rich returns. As a breeder of thorough-bred short-horn cattle, few have been so successful. A sale of his stock, which was held in Dexter Park, Chicago, May 19, 1875, ranks as the third best sale ever made in the United States. Thirty-nine head of short-horn cattle were sold at public auction for $22,400, or an average of a fraction over $574 per head. He is still owner of a very large and superior herd, which is second in value and in the purity of its strains to no other herd in Missouri.

Mr. Towne resided in Hannibal, Missouri, from 1865 to 1875, removing to Atchison, Kansas, in the latter year. He is a member of good standing of the Masonic fraternity. He was married Sept. 12, 1851, to Miss Clara Cooper, of Rome, New York, a lady of great amiability and attractiveness. Their only son, Lewis W. Towne, Jr., was born in 1853, married Miss Roxie Galtra, of Jacksonville, Illinois, in 1875, and died in 1877, aged twenty-four. At the time of his death, he was employed in the ticket department of the Atchison & Nebraska Railroad.

Mr. Towne is a man of many excellent traits of charac-

ter. Energetic and prompt in the discharge of every duty, he leaves nothing to chance or good fortune. Perseverance is one of his most striking characteristics, and he makes himself thoroughly acquainted with the minutest details of the business he may have in hand. His power of analysis and combination and his fine executive ability are not the least remarkable outlines of his well-poised character. While engaged in business, his whole time and energy are directed to the skilful execution of his work. His ingenuity is equal to every emergency, and his powers of organization and construction are of immense benefit to him in his complicated railroad business. System, order, and dispatch are well developed and carefully cultivated, and his success in life is due, not so much to portentous circumstances as to the energetic, steady, unyielding perseverance with which he has prosecuted his business.

In person, he is of medium size, but with a compact, well-knit frame, and capacity for long continued labor. His life has been one of incessant toil, but he attained good success before he had reached middle life. As a citizen, he is highly esteemed by all who have business or social intercourse with him, while his business integrity, honor, and liberality are unquestioned in any community where he has lived.

June 1st, 1880, Mr. Towne was offered, and accepted, the position of general superintendent of the Kansas City, Ft. Scott & Gulf, and the Kansas City, St. Lawrence & Southern Railroads—this system embracing near seven hundred miles—with headquarters at Kansas City, Mo.

Note by the Compiler:—In transferring numbers from the fifth to the sixth generation, no attempt will be made to preserve their *consecutive order;* but, to avoid confusion from the frequent occurrence of the same names, as John, Jonathan, Jacob, etc., small figures, in circumflex, will be placed over the ancestral names of such transfers, indicating the serial number to which they belong.—E. H.

(661.) Horace A.[8] Towne (*Nelson P.*,[7] *Joel*,[6] *Simon*,[5] *John*,[4] *John*,[3] *Jacob*,[2] *William*,[1]) was born at Charlton, Mass., July 12, 1835; came to Illinois in 1854, at the age of 19, and, like his brothers, engaged in the railroad service, commencing at the "foot of the ladder," by engaging as fireman on a locomotive, for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad. This "ladder," however, often proves of sufficient length to bring into prominence those whose heads do not "become dizzy."

Soon after engaging in the service of the Company, he entered their shops at Galesburg, Ill., to learn the trade of engine building. During the three and a-half years of his employment in these shops, he acquired a perfect knowledge of the mechanism of building and repairing locomotive engines.*

During the following six years, Mr. Towne was engaged as locomotive engineer on the C., B. & Q. and the Galena and Chicago Union roads. Soon after, he occupied the position of foreman in the shops at Galena and Centralia.

Subsequently, in 1865, on account of his well-known mechanical ability and executive force, he was offered, and accepted, the position of master-mechanic, on the central branch of the Union Pacific Railroad. Afterward, he held the same position on the Hannibal & St. Joseph Railroad; and then the positions of master-mechanic, asst.-

* *Compiler's Note*:—All readers of these biographical sketches who have listened to or read the lectures of Joseph Cook on "Heredity," may well ask the question, From what ancestor of the "Towne Family" comes the strong and successful predeliction to mechanical pursuits, so evident in several branches of this family? If we are to credit this quality to "Heredity," it would seem that we must look for its origin as far back as the second generation, where the Philadelphia and Illinois branches diverge. (See diagram on page 115.) This quality seems remarkably developed in both lines. If true, was it Paternal or Maternal? Subsequent researches may enable us to deduce a probability.

The anti-slavery proclivities, in some of the later generations, might, on this theory, indicate a close relationship between Peter Towne, of page 10, and the ancestor of the Salem Family, William Towne; page 16.—E. H.

superintendant, and superintendant of the Northern Pacific Railroad, which high and responsible position he still retains. Mr. Towne is a gentleman of refined manners; unassuming, yet frank in all his dealings. He possesses, in large measure, that rare quality of being able to say either Yes or No in such manner as to give offence to few, and to convey the impression that the desired favor is granted, or withheld from the kindest and best of motives.

SIXTH GENERATION.

(452.) **Hon. Salem[6] Towne** (*Jacob*,[5] (168.) *Jonathan*,[4] (66.) *John*,[3] (20.) *Jacob*,[2] (6.) *William*,[1]) was born at Oxford, Mass., Oct. 21, 1746; married 1st, Elizabeth Mayo; by whom he does not appear to have had any children. She died March 15, 1772; and he married 2d, Ruth Moore, March 28, 1774, who was the mother of his seven children, mentioned below. After her death, Sept. 25, 1790, at the age of forty years, six months, and thirteen days, he married for 3d wife, Wid. —— Comer. He died July 23, 1825, at the age of 79; leaving children born at Oxford:

669 i. Polly,[7] b. Nov. 18, 1774; m[d] William Wild.
670. ii. Ruth,[7] b. March 28, 1777; m[d] Aaron Wheelock and Dr. —— Phillips.
771. iii. Elizabeth,[7] b. Sept. 20, 1778; m[d] Wm. Reider.
672. iv. Salem, Jr.,[7] b. March 26, 1780; m[d] Sarah Spurr, 1804.
673. v. Pamelia,[7] b. Aug. 29, 1781; m[d] Isaiah Reider, (*bro. of Wm.*).
674. vi. Augusta,[7] b. Jan. 13, 1784; m[d] Dr. Dan Lamb.
675. vii. Lucy M.,[7] b. Nov. 2, 1787; m[d] Col. John *Fitts*.

SEVENTH GENERATION.

(672.) **Gen. Salem[7] Towne, Jr.,** (*Salem*,[6] *Jacob*,[5] *Jonathan*,[4] *John*,[3] *Jacob*,[2] *William*[1]), b. March 26, 1780; married

Sarah, dau. of Gen. John Spurr; and died Feb., 1872. They had 10 children, born at Oxford:

676. i. Elijah Dunbar,[8] b. May 27, 1809.
677. ii. Wm. Moore,[8] b. May 7, 1807; m[d] Frances Robinson.
678. iii. Mary Dunbar,[8] b. April 8, 1810.
679. iv. Sarah S.,[8] b. May 11, 1813.
680. v. Mary Lucy,[8] b. July 30, 1815.
681. vi. Margaret L.,[8] b. May 3, 1819.
682. vii. Amelia M.,[8] b. May 12, 1821.
683. viii. Salem,[8] b. Nov. 8, 1823.
684. ix. Alice B.,[8] b. June 27, 1826; d. Nov. 11, 1843.
685. x. Edward W.,[8] b. Jan. 9, 1829.

EIGHTH GENERATION.

(677.) The only child of William M.[8] and Frances (*Robinson*) Towne, of Springfield, Mass., who d. April 1841, was:

686. i. Frances,[9] b.

SIXTH GENERATION.

(464.) Josiah[6] Towne (*Josiah*,[5] (174.) *Jonathan*,[4] (66.) *John*,[3] (20.) *Jacob*,[2] (6.) *William*[1]), was born at Charlton, Aug. 12, 1761; married Dorothy Hill, of Killingly, Conn., A. D. 1780; and she died 1791, leaving 4 children. He married, as 2d wife, March 10, 1793, Elizabeth Ware. He died Dec. 30, 1824, aged 63. His children, b. at Charlton, were:

687. i Aaron,[7] b. Sept. 11, 1781; m[d] Nancy Pettis.
688. ii. Leonard,[7] b. Oct. 31, 1783; m[d] Joanna Mellen.
689. iii. Ruth,[7] b. Oct. 31, 1783.
690. iv. Susanna,[7] b. May 2, 1790; m[d] Moses Dresser, Jr.

SEVENTH GENERATION.

(687.) Aaron[7] Towne (*Josiah,*[6] *Josiah,*[5] *Jonathan,*[4] *John,*[3] *Jacob,*[2] *William*[1]), was born at Dresser Hill, Charlton, Mass., Sept. 11, 1781; married Nancy Pettis, and settled at Providence, R. I., where he died in 1818, leaving 1 son.

691. i. ,[8] b.

(688.) Leonard[7] Towne (*Josiah,*[6] *Josiah,*[5] *Jonathan,*[4] *John,*[3] *Jacob,*[2] *William*[1]), born at Charlton, Oct. 31, 1783; married, in 1803, Joanna Mellen, of Holliston, by whom he had 12 children, born at Charlton, Mass., of whom but four are now (1877) living.

692. i. Mary M., b. Feb. 9, 1805; d. May 20, 1880.
693. ii. Josiah, b. Aug. 25, 1806; d. May 2, 1836.
694. iii. Henry M., b. May 28, 1808.
695. iv. Dolly, b. July 4, 1810; d. Aug. 22, 1865.
696. v. Joanna, b. Feb. 6, 1812. d. Dec. 4, 1812.
697. vi. William H., b. Oct. 11, 1813.
698. vii. Leonard, b. Sept. 19, 1815.
699. viii. Joanna, b. Dec. 29, 1819; d. March 17, 1853.
700. ix. Ruth A., b. Jan. 27, 1823; d. Jan. 7, 1863.
701. x. Marcus M., b. March 6, 1826; d. Aug. 11, 1840.
702. xi. Salem A., b. Jan. 3, 1828; d. Sept. 3, 1828.
703. xii. Charles C., b. Oct. 2, 1832; d. March 23, 1833.

SIXTH GENERATION.

(567.) Gadner[6] Towner (*Israel,*[5] (224.) *Israel,*[4] (84.) *Joseph,*[3] (30.) *Joseph,*[2] (9) *William*[1]), was born at Amherst, N. H., May 1, 1765; married Lucy Bancroft, of Tyngsboro, Mass., June 27, 1795; and died Dec. 16, 1815, in his 51st year.

Lucy (*Bancroft*) was born June 7, 1773; and died April 14, 1849, aged 76. Their children were:

704. i. Christina,[7] b. June 16, 1796; d. Oct. 2, 1831.
705. ii. Oka,[7] b. Dec. 19, 1797; d. Oct. 14, 1801.

706. iii. Rebecca Bancroft,[7] b. Aug. 7, 1799; d. March 28, 1869.
707. iv. Susanna,[7] b. June 12, 1801; d. Aug. 1803.
708. v. Cleon Gardner,[7] b. June 6, 1803; d. May 4, 1850.
709. vi. Solon,[7] b. June 17, 1805; d. Oct. 4, 1808.
710. vii. Orr Noble,[7] b. June 5, 1806; d. April 7, 1854.
711. viii. Mary,[7] b. Jan. 6, 1808; d. June 30, 1813.
712. ix. Ebenezer Bancroft,[7] b. Dec. 14, 1809.
713. x. Lucy Bancroft,[7] b. Sept. 14, 1811; now the wife of Judge Chandler, of Macomb, Illinois.

SIXTH GENERATION.

(330.) Benjamin[6] Towne (*Nathan*,[5] (122.) *Nathan*,[4] (51.) *Joseph*,[3] (14.) *Edmund*,[2] (5.) *William*[1]), was born at Andover, Feb. 28, 1747; married 1st, Mehitable Chandler, who was born A. D. 1745. She bore him 8 children, and died Jan. 23, 1788, at Methuen, a town in the extreme North-west corner of Essex County, and about five miles from their native town of Andover. After the death of his 1st wife, he married 2d, Wid. Lucy Porter; but it does not appear that they had any children.

The children of Benjamin[6] and Mehitable (*Chandler*) Towne, of Methuen, Mass., were:

725. i. Sarah,[7] b. Jan. 12, 1773; d. Feb. 21, 1809, æ. 36.
726. ii. Benjamin,[7] b. Jan. 18, 1775; d. æ. 85 or 90.
727. iii. Mary,[7] b. March 14, 1777; d. Oct. 18, 1778, æ. 18 months.
728. iv. Ephraim,[7] b. July 20, 1779.
729. v. Mary,[7] b. Sept. 18, 1781; d. Nov. 2, 1816, æ. 35.
730. vi. Nathan,[7] b. Dec. 18, 1783; d. Dec. 19, 1812, æ. 29.
731. vii. Mehitable,[7] b. Nov. 28, 1785.
732. viii. John,[7] b. April 30, 1787; m[d] Sarah Robinson, of Coventry, Eng.

SEVENTH GENERATION.

(732.) John[7] Towne (*Benjamin*,[6] *Nathan*,[5] *Nathan*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Edmund*,[2] *William*[1]). The children of John and Sarah (*Robinson*) Towne, of Philadelphia, were:

733. i. John Henry,[8] b. Feb. 20, 1818; m[d] Maria R. Tevis, of Philadelphia.
734. ii. Ann Sophia,[8] b. Sept. 30, 1819; m[d] Robt. K. Darrah, of Boston.
735. iii. Lucretia C.,[8] b. Nov. 15, 1821.
736. iv. Laura M.,[8] b. May 3, 1825.
737. v. Rosalba M.,[8] b. June 15, 1827.
738. vi. Wm. Edward,[8] b. Dec. 23, 1829.
739. vii. Sarah R.,[8] b. March 12, 1833.

SKETCH OF THE LIFE OF THE LATE

JOHN TOWNE, ESQ.,

OF PHILADELPHIA.

The late John Towne (No. 732), born 1787, son of No. 330, of Methuen, Mass., was in some ways a remarkable man. He combined great perseverance and energy, with most refined tastes, rare ingenuity of both mind and hand.

He early left the quiet homestead—(a farm-and-mill-property near Methuen), where his childhood had been passed, and went forth into the world "to seek his fortune."

His first essay was as a teacher of writing. After successfully giving instruction in various places, he at last found his way to Baltimore, where he made the acquaintance of Mr. Henry Robinson, of England, whose sister he afterward married.

Mr. Towne and Mr. Robinson were connected in business for several years when, having accumulated sufficient means to purchase land in the West, Mr. Towne and his wife set off directly after their marriage, in 1817, for this new country.

A beautiful piece of land was purchased near Pittsburgh,

and Mr. Towne proceeded to build a commodious house and to arrange and beautify his grounds. These were laid out as a large fruit-farm, which ultimately proved very remunerative. Mr. Towne also engaged in what in the West is called "Steamboating." That is, he was interested in, or owned, several steamboats running on the Mississippi River. This avocation took him frequently to New Orleans and Mobile, where he was also engaged in the sugar and cotton commission business.

During his absences, Mrs. Towne, a woman of great ability, as well as great sweetness of character, in addition to the care of her young family, ably superintended the affairs of the farm.

In 1832, Mr. Henry Robinson, then residing in Boston, and sole proprietor of the gas-works there, offered Mr. Towne the superintendency of the works, with an interest in the concern. He decided to accept this offer and proceeded to make arrangements to remove his family to Boston. About this time, April, 1833, Mrs. Towne died, leaving a young infant and six other children.

In the fall of 1833, Mr. Towne having disposed of his property to advantage, this removal took place.

During his residence in Pittsburgh, Mr. Towne had gained the respect of all by his upright character, his public spirit, and pleasant manners. The best people there were his friends, and some of the friendships there formed ended only with his life.

From 1833 to '40, the family resided in Boston, all the children having the advantage of the best schools. The gas-works, in which Mr. Towne had re-invested his money, proved very lucrative, and a handsome competency had now been gained.

The eldest son—John Henry, after distinguishing himself at school (Chancy Hall. Mr. Thayer) had been sent to Philadelphia to study engineering in the machine shops of Merrick & Agnew, of that city. Here his great ability

and talent for the construction and invention of machinery were developed, and after about a year's study he entered into partnership with Mr. S. V. Merrick, and the well-known firm of "Merrick & Towne" was formed.

The elder brother being now established in Philadelphia, Mr. Towne thought it advisable, in order to keep his family together, to also remove thither.

In 1840, he purchased a house in Walnut Street, above 16th (then Schuylkill 7th), and furnished it with much taste and elegance. He was now able to indulge his love for the fine arts—always a passion with him, and the best productions of our native artists, such as Lentze, Huntington, Sully, and many others, adorned his walls.

Nine years later, in 1849, Mr. Towne purchased a beautiful country seat, near Philadelphia, in Huntington Valley, and removed thither. Before doing so, he made a large addition to the house and greatly improved the grounds.

The return to country-life, after seventeen years passed in cities, was a source of keen enjoyment to one with so intense a love of nature as Mr. Towne. Flowers of all growing things were his delight. During his residence in Boston, a little conservatory, containing a rare collection of heaths, had cheered his leisure hours, consoling him for the confinement of a rather arduous post. Now, on a larger scale, he was able to indulge his love of the beautiful. He re-arranged the Huntington place, with the same good judgment and good taste he had shown in laying out his grounds at Pittsburgh, and under his hands it grew to be a lovely spot, indeed. He had many projects for its further beautification, but unhappily his health began to fail in 1850, and declined rapidly. His sufferings from his very painful disease were at times intense; but he bore them with manly fortitude and in a patient and christian spirit.

He died, July 24th, 1851, and his remains now rest in South Laurel Hill Cemetery.

EIGHTH GENERATION.

(733.) **John H.**[8] **Towne** (*John*,[7] *Benjamin*,[6] *Nathan*,[5] *Nathan*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Edmund*,[2] *William*[1]).

740. i. Henry Robinson,[9] b. Aug. 1844; m[d] Cora White.

741. ii. Helen Carnan,[9] b. Jan. 1848; m[d] Dr. Wm. F. Jenks.

742. iii. Alice North,[9] b. Nov. 13, 1853; m[d] Roland Lincoln, Nov. 3, 1880.

JOHN HENRY TOWNE.

John Henry Town, born 1818, eldest son of John Towne, has already been mentioned in the previous memoir.

He laid the foundation of his ample fortune in the establishment of "Merrick & Towne." After that co-partnership was dissolved, in 1848, he engaged in several engineering enterprises, the erection of gas-works at New Bedford and Savannah being among the number. Shortly before the breaking out of the civil war, he entered the firm of J. P. Morris & Co., Philadelphia, which then became J. P. Morris, Towne & Co.

During the war, many of the largest engines for war-vessels and monitors, as well as much other machinery, were made in this establishment.

Mr. J. H. Towne's feelings were warmly enlisted on the patriotic side in the great struggle, and he did all in his power to aid the Government, to which he made tender of his gratuitous services in any capacity for which he was fitted.

Mr. Towne was a man of thought and science, and of marked talent in his profession. His inventive turn of mind led him to improve whatever he touched. He inherited his father's refined tastes, both for nature and art, and in music he had a special delight.

He was long a member of the Franklin Institute Philo-

sophic Society, and other scientific associations, but his latest and deepest interest was in the re-construction and advancement of the University of Pennsylvania. For this he worked hard, doing efficient service.

In the spring of 1874, Mr. Towne experienced a slight shock of paralysis, and by advice of his physician went abroad, being accompanied by his wife and daughter. They traveled through Switzerland, etc., during the autumn, returning to Paris to spend the winter. In the spring of 1875, April 7th, he died suddenly in the night, from the effect of another shock complicated by some heart-trouble.

After amply providing for his family and leaving handsome bequests to his sisters and brother, the residue of his large fortune was bestowed on the University of Pennsylvania. The "Towne Scientific School" was so named in his honor.

NINTH GENERATION.

(740.) The children of Henry R.[9] and Cora Towne, of Philadelphia, were:

743. i. John Henry,[10] b. Jan. 1868.

744. ii. Frederick Talmadge,[10] b. 1872.

(741.) The children of Dr. Wm. F. and Helen C. (*Towne*) Jenks, of Philadelphia, were:

Robert Darrah Jenks, b. March 1875.

Horace Howard Jenks, b. June 1878.

SIXTH GENERATION.

(292.) **Eli[6] Towne, Jr.** (*Eli,[5]* (16.) *Benjamin,[4]* (50.) *Joseph,[3]* (14.) *Edmund,[2]* (5.) *William[1]*), born at Sturbridge, March 1, 1757; married Abagail, dau. of Eliphalet Cutting, of Charlemont, Aug. 1780. He removed, about 1804, to Washington County, Penn., where he died June 22, 1822, aged 65. His widow Abagail, died Aug. 18, 1840, in her 81st year. Their children were:

+745. i. Eli,[7] b. April 24, 1781; d. at Cincinnati, O., Oct. 5, 1823.

746. ii. Abagail,[7] b. July 20, 1782; d. Sept. 10, 1795, æ. 13.

+747. iii. Ezra,[7] b. Sept. 20, 1785; m[d] Joanna White.

748. iv. Elizabeth,[7] b. May 20, 1787; d. Aug. 12, 1788.

749. v. Mary,[7] b. March 12, 1790; m[d] Jacob Smith; moved to Ohio.

750. vi. John,[7] b. July 17, 1792; and died same day.

751. vii. Salem,[7] b. Jan. 31, 1794; d. Sept. 10, 1796.

752. viii. Dorcas,[7] b. Jan. 1797; m[d] Wm. Sprowle, d. 1869.

753. ix. Sarah,[7] b. July 1798; d. Aug. 22, 1825. S. P.

754. x. Chloie,[7] b. Jan 12, 1802; m[d] Zach. Cooper, d. March 1875.

+755. xi. Elijah,[7] b. June 29, 1805; d. March 17, 1873, in Jefferson Co., Iowa, where he removed with his family in 1857.

SEVENTH GENERATION.

(745.) Eli[7] Towne, Jr. (*Eli,[6] Eli,[5] Benjamin,[4] Joseph,[3] Edmund,[2] William[1]*). He died in 1823, leaving 2 sons:

756. i. Eli,[8] b. was a Baptist preacher in Kansas.

757. ii. Edward,[8] b. removed to Pella, Iowa, (large family.)

(747.) Ezra[7] Towne (*brother of last above*), married, Nov. 8, 1814, Joanna, dau. of John White; and had children, viz.:

758. i. Mary Anne,[8] b. Oct. 22, 1815; d. in Chicago, Ill., March, 1877. She m[d] John M. Oliver, of Washington Co., Penn., and left children, viz.: [1] John M., Jr.; [2] Oliver C.; and [3] Nelson E., of 508 W. Congress St., Chicago, Ill.

759. ii. Ezra Styles,[8] b. June 8, 1825; now of Washington County, Penn.

760. iii. Sarah Minerva,[8] b. April 22, 1827; d. about 1860; she m[d] John Fisher, and left 2 children, viz.: Ezra[9] Fisher, who lives in Kansas, and Agnes[9] Fisher, who is m[d] and lives in Chicago.

761. iv Nelson,[8] b. May 3, 1829; lives in Washington County, Penn.

762. v. Martha G.,[8] b. Aug. 12, 1833; who is m[d] to Dr. J. W. Oliver, and lives at Fairfield, Iowa.

(755.) Elijah[7] Towne (*Eli*,[6] *Eli*,[5] *Benjamin*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Edmund*,[2] *William*[1]), born June 29, 1805; married Elizabeth Martin, Aug. 14, 1825, by whom he had 12 children, viz.:

763. i. Sarah Ann,[8] m[d] Washington Ferril, and d. in Washington Co., Penn., leaving 5 children.

764. ii. Charlotte Jane,[8] m[d] David M. Oliver; has 8 children, and now lives in Jefferson Co., Ia.

765. iii. Minerva,[8] m[d] Henry Clemmons, and d. leaving 1 child.

766. iv. Mary C.,[8] m[d] John Ira, and lives near Lincoln, Nebraska. She has six children.

767. v Hannah,[8] m[d] Addison Oliver, (*who furnishes this list of the descendants of Eli Towne, No. 292.*) He lives at Onawa, Iowa, and has 10 children, all living.

768. vi. Elizabeth,[8] m[d] Thomas Moore, has several children.

769. vii. Emmeline,[8] m[d] Samuel Scott; who lives near Brookville, Iowa, and has several children.

770. viii. John M.,[8] m[d] Ellen Clarke, and has several children, and lives at Fort Dodge, Iowa.

771. ix. Cyrus H.,[8] m[d] Martha Hilligos, has several children, and lives near Moorhead, Iowa.

772. x. Sabina,[8] m[d] —— Coles; and lives in Kansas.

773. xi. Letitia,[8] m[d] Daniel Comegys; and lives at Fairfield, Iowa.

774. xii. Martha,[8] m[d] Henry Wilder; lives at Fairfield, Iowa.

Mrs. Elizabeth (*Martin*) Towne, wife of Elijah[7] Towne, is still (1880) living near Brookville, Iowa.

SIXTH GENERATION.

(443.) **Edmund[5] Towne,** son of *Edmund*,[5] (166.) (*Ephraim*,[4] (65.) *John*,[3] (20.) *Jacob*,[2] (4.) *William*[1]), born 1758; married, for 1st wife, Lydia Luce, daughter of —— ——. He settled at Fairfax, Vt., and had by 1st wife, Lydia,

775. i. Edmund Brewer,[7] b. 1774; d. at Boston, 1835.

776. ii. John,[7] b. Nov. 21, 1786.

His 1st wife, Lydia, died, and he married for 2d wife, Nov. 7, 1797, Widow Polly Sabin (maiden name, McMasters), by whom he had two more children, viz.:

777. iii. Lydia,[7] b. Oct. 6, 1798; m[d] a Holmes, and d. July 11, 1866.

778. iv. Polly,[7] b. Dec. 8, 1880; m[d] a Hotchkiss.

He was the first town clerk of the township of Fairfax, Vt., and was its representative in the legislature for several years. He was a rapid writer, a correct business man, and a gentleman. He d. at Georgia, Vt., Aug. 24, 1800, aged 42 years.

SEVENTH GENERATION.

(776.) **John[7] Towne,** second son of *Edmund*,[6] (*Edmund*,[5] *Ephraim*,[4] *John*,[3] *Jacob*,[2] *William*[1]), was born at Fairfield, Vt., Nov. 21, 1786, and married Anna Jackson, daughter of John Jackson, at Milton, Vt., in March, 1816; she died at Georgia, Vt., May 13, 1839, aged 42.

John Towne, Esq., died at same place Nov. 22, 1835. Their children, born at Georgia, Vt., were:

779. i. Edmund Brewer,[8] b. Feb. 11, 1818; d. March 11, 1841.

780. ii. Franklin,[8] b. June 4, 1821.
781. iii. Mary Ann,[8] b. April 6, 1823.
782. iv. Byron,[8] b. June 4, 1825.
783. v. Henry,[8] b. July 2, 1831.
784. vi. Caroline,[8] b. Feb. 17, 1833; m[d] Samuel A. Fargo, March 5, 1856.

EIGHTH GENERATION.

(779.) **Edmund Brewer,**[8] eldest son of *John*[7] *Towne, Esq.*, (*Edmund*,[6] *Edmund*,[5] *Ephraim*,[4] *John*,[3] *Jacob*,[2] *Wm.*[1]), married Susan M. Holmes, Dec. 25, 1839. Their daughter,

785. i. Rogene,[9] b. Oct. 13, 1840.

Edmund Brewer Towne died March 11, 1841, and his widow, Susan M., married her brother-in-law.

(780.) **Franklin**[8] **Towne,** married his brother Edmund's widow, Jan., 1844, and had children:

786. i. Eugene,[9] b. March 23, 1845.
787. ii. Katie,[9] b. July, 1847.
788. iii. Frankie,[9] b. Aug. 12, 1851.
789. iv. Herbert,[9] b. Nov. 2, 1855.

Mrs. Susan M. Towne died Feb. 28, 1875.

(782.) **Byron**[8] **Towne,** (*John*,[7] *Edmund*,[6] *Edmund*,[5] *Ephraim*,[4] *John*,[3] *Jacob*,[2] *William*[1]), married, Jan. 1, 1849, Sarah Fargo, daughter of —— ———, of Georgia, Vt., by Rev. Alvah Sabin. Their children were:

790. i. Carrie A.,[9] b. Aug. 18, 1853.
791. ii. Edmund Carroll,[9] b. Oct. 2, 1855. The 8th son by the name of Edmund retained through every generation for a space of 250 years.
792. iii. Minnie D.,[9] b. June 13, 1858.

From *Hist. of Fond du Lac Co., Wis.*, p. 872.

"Byron Towne, manufacturer, was born at Georgia, Franklin Co., Vt., June 4, 1825, came to Wisconsin in 1860, locating at Omro, and engaged in the flouring-mill business for one year. After that, he kept the American House, at Ripon, five years; the American House, at Fond du Lac, four years; and the Patty House, in the same place, a little over three years, since which time (1874), he has been with the Wheel and Seed Co., manufacturers of grain-drills and broad-cast seeders, having a very large and constantly increasing business. In Fond du Lac, Mr. Towne has been City Treasurer, and a member of the City Council. He is now (1880) Secretary, Treasurer, and General Manager of the Wheel and Seeder Works. 3 ch.—Carrie A., born Aug. 10, 1853; Edmund C., born Oct. 2, 1855; and Minnie D., born June 13, 1858."

(783.) **Henry**[8] **Towne**, (*John*,[7] *Edmund*,[6] *Edmund*,[5] *Ephraim*,[4] *John*,[3] *Jacob*,[2] *William*[1]), was born at Georgia, Vt., July 2, 1831, and married June 1, 1865, to Mrs. Addie X. Paul, in the City of Chicago, Ill. Their child,

793. i. Mertie A.,[9] b. Aug 28, 1871.

SIXTH GENERATION.

(440.) **Thomas**[6] **Towne**, son of *Silas*,[5] (165.) (*Ephraim*,[4] (65.) *John*,[3] (20.) (6.) *Jacob*,[2] *William*[1]), born 1759; married Ruth Dutton, in 1780, who died in 1793, aged 34 years, leaving 5 children, viz.:

794. i. Charlotte,[7] b. 1781; d. 1827.
795. ii. Fanny,[7] b. 1783; d. 1835.
796. iii. Lucinda,[7] b. 1785; d. 1793.
797. iv. Silas,[7] b. 1788; d. 1794.
798. v. Arad,[7] b. 1791; d. Dec. 1, 1875.

(440.) Thomas[6] Towne married, in 1798, Polly Colman for 2d wife, by whom he also had 5 children, viz.:

799. vi. Ruth,[7] b. 1798.
800. vii. Lucinda,[7] b. 1799.
801. viii. Rachel,[7] b. 1802.
802. ix. Thomas Martin,[7] b. 1806.
803. x. Joseph Emerson,[7] b. 1809.

Mrs. Polly Towne, died in 1826, aged 60.

SEVENTH GENERATION.

(798.) Arad[7] Towne, son of *Thomas*,[6] (*Silas*,[5] *Ephraim*,[4] *John*,[3] *Jacob*,[2] *William*[1]), married, in 1820, Tryphenia McCloud, who was born in 1797, and died in Oct., 1871, leaving children:

804. i. Cleora Augusta,[8] b. 1820.
805. ii. Maria Louisa,[8] b. 1822; d. 1830.
806. iii. Nancy Streeter,[8] b. 1825; d. 1850.
807. iv. DeWitt Clinton,[8] b. 1828.
808. v. Tryphenia Melinda,[8] b. 1830; d. 1839.
809. vi. Thomas Martin,[8] b. 1835.
810. vii. Hiram McCloud,[8] b. 1837.

SIXTH GENERATION.

(268.) Josiah[6] Towne, (*Nehemiah*,[5] (110.) *Jeremiah*,[4] (46.) *William*,[3] (13.) *Edmund*,[2] (5.) *William*[1]), born at Topsfield, Jan. 22, 1778; married Mary French. He died at Montpelier, Vt., about 1828. Their children were:

811. i. Nathaniel,[7] b. May 1, 1799.
812. ii. Josiah,[7] b. Jan. 15, 1801.
813. iii. James,[7] b. Dec. 31, 1802.
814. iv. Henry,[7] b.
815. v. Mary Ann,[7] b.
816. vi. Ira S.,[7] b. March 3, 1810.

817. vii. Eliza G.,[7] b.
818. viii. Susan E.,[7] b.

(278.) **Benjamin[6] Towne** (*Benjamin,*[5] (112.) *Benjamin,*[4] (50.) *Joseph,*[3] (14.) *Edmund,*[2] (5.) *William*[1]), born at Sturbridge, Mass., June 17, 1745; married widow Martha Hitchcock. Their children were:

819. i. Candace,[7] b. May 17, 1777; m[d] Luke Brown, June 3, 1802.
820. ii. Benjamin,[7] b. April 18, 1779.
821. iii. Chloe,[7] b. March 14, 1785.
822. iv. Younglove,[7] b. June 24, 1788.
823. v. John,[7] b. May 31, 1791; he settled at Mt. Morris, N. J.

(290.) **Jacob[6] Towne, Jr.** (*Jacob,*[5] (114.) *Benjamin,*[4] (50.) *Joseph,*[3] (14.) *Edmund,*[2] *William*[1]).

824. i. Jacob Perkins,[7] b. Oct. 6, 1803.
825. ii. Mary,[7] b. April 8, 1806.
826. iii. Ezra,[7] b. Oct. 17, 1807.

Jacob[6] Towne, Jr., was born at Topsfield, July 27, 1768; married Mary Perkins. He was town clerk at Topsfield 26 years; was a member of the legislature 7 years. Died March 31, 1836, aged 68.

(299.) **Elijah[6] Towne** (*Eli,*[5] (116.) *Benjamin,*[4] (50.) *Joseph,*[3] (14.) *Edmund,*[2] (5.) *William*[1]), born at Sturbridge, Oct. 28, 1771; married Miriam Lane. Their children were:

827. i. Laura,[7] b. March 31, 1802; d. Sept. 8, 1805.
828. ii. Eliza,[7] b. Aug. 5, 1803.
829. iii. Elijah,[7] b. July 1, 1805.
830. iv. Elisha,[7] b. Jan. 14, 1808.
831. v. Melinda,[7] b. Feb. 27, 1810.
832. vi. Miriam,[7] b. June 20, 1812.
833. vii. Salem,[7] b. Jan. 13, 1814.

834. viii. Marcia,[7] b. Aug. 12, 1816.
835. ix. Samaria,[7] b. July 18, 1820.

SIXTH GENERATION.

(304.) Edmund[6] Towne, Jr. (*Edmund*,[5] (118.) *Benj.*,[4] (50.) *Joseph*,[3] (14.) *Edmund*,[2] (5.) *Wm.*[1]), married, 1st, Eunice Spencer, of Springfield; and 2d, Nov. 6, 1800, Polly Fitch. He died March 6, 1815. He had 4 children by his 1st wife and 2 by the 2d, viz.:

836. i. Abagail,[7] b. July 11, 1790; d. Dec. 29, 1790.
837. ii. Abagail,[7] b. Oct. 8, 1791.
838. iii. Betsey,[7] b. July 20, 1793; d. March 2, 1803.
839. iv. Stephen,[7] b. Feb. 14, 1795.
840. v. Pliny C.,[7] b. May 15, 1806; d. Dec. 3, 1806.
841. vi. Almond Spencer,[7] b. March 21, 1813; d. at San Francisco, Aug. 17, 1850.

(305.) Benjamin[6] Towne (brother of the above), married Sarah Burt, and settled at Windsor, Vt. Their children were:

842. i. Orinda,[7] b. Jan. 20, 1803.
843. ii. Sarah,[7] b. Nov. 26, 1804.
844. iii. Mary,[7] b. April 7, 1807.
845. iv. Nahum,[7] b. Jan. 9, 1809.
846. v. Dean,[7] b. Feb. 7, 1810.
847. vi. Benjamin,[7] b. Sept. 5, 1812.
848. vii. William,[7] b. April 9, 1815.
849. viii. Emily M.,[7] b. Feb. 5, 1820.

(323.) Simeon[6] Towne (*Joseph*,[5] (121.) *Nathan*,[4] (51.) *Joseph*,[3] (14.) *Edmund*,[2] (5.) *William*[1]), born July 31, 1751; married Hepzibah Symonds. Their children were:

850. i. Ephraim,[7] b.
851. ii. Anna,[7] b. m[d] David Rollins, of Pittston, Me., Aug. 29, 1803.

852. iii. Joseph,[7] b. N. H. m[d] —— Cole, of Lisbon,
853. iv. Phebe,[7] b. Me. m[d] Elihu Lord, of Pittston,
854. v. Moody,[7] b. d. unmarried.
855. vi. Hepzibah,[7] b. m[d] —— Trask.
856. vii. Ruth,[7] b. June Rindge, N. H. 1796; m[d] Moses Hale, of
857. viii. Sarah,[7] b. at Bucksport, Me.
858. ix. Simeon,[7] b. July 13, 1808, at Bucksport, Me.
859. x. Charlotte,[7] b.

(329.) **Nathan**[6] **Towne, Jr.** (*Nathan*,[5] (122.) *Nathan*,[4] (51.) *Joseph*,[3] (14.) *Edmund*,[2] (5.) *William*[1]), born at Andover, July 11, 1744; married —— ——; died at Andover, Sept. 3, 1810, leaving an estate of $5033,19; and children:

860. i. Samuel,[7] b. settled at Albany, Me.
861. ii. Mary,[7] b. d.
862. iii. Nathan,[7] b. July 29, 1771.
863. iv. Elijah,[7] b.
864. v. Jacob,[7] b. Nov. 20, 1870; settled at Boxford.
865. vi. Mary,[7] b.
866. vii. Susan,[7] b.
867. viii. Stephen,[7] b.
868. ix. John,[7] b. settled at Andover.
869. x. Jonathan,[7] b. Sept. 6, 1790.
870. xi. Moses,[7] b. Sept. 30, 1792; settled at Danvers.

(331.) **Peter**[6] **Towne** (*Nathan*,[5] (122.) *Nathan*,[4] (51.) *Joseph*,[3] (14.) *Edmund*,[2] (5.) *William*[1]), was born at Andover, Aug. 10, 1749; married Lydia Abbott, who died of small-pox, Jan. 10, 1775; and 2d, married Rebecca Sheldon, who died May 16, 1813, aged 55. He died at Andover, May 20, 1830, aged 80. Children:

871. i. Peter,[7] b. Dec. 28, 1774; d. Jan. 9, 1775; (*one day before his mother.*)
872. ii. Peter,[7] b. Nov. 18, 1777.
873. iii. Amos,[7] b. May 28, 1779.
874. iv. Lydia,[7] b. March 1, 1781.
875. v. Joel,[7] b. Feb. 17, 1783.
876. vi. Fanny,[7] b. March 24, 1785; d. Sept. 23, 1812.
877. vii. Daniel,[7] b. Jan. 8, 1787.
878. viii. Asenath,[7] b. Feb. 16, 1789; d. Feb. 8, 1831.
879. ix. Hannah,[7] b. Oct. 12, 1792; m[d] Moses Towne.
880. x. Herman,[7] b. Jan. 14, 1797; d. Dec. 19, 1799.
881. xi. Abia,[7] b. Oct. 19, 1800; m[d] Amos Cutler.

(338.) Jedediah[6] Towne (*Jonathan*,[5] (123) *Nathan*,[4] (51.) *Joseph*,[3] (14.) *Edmund*,[2] (5) *William*[1]), born in Boxford, May 1, 1767; married Eunice Rugg, lived at Petersham, and at Windsor, Vt. Their children were:

882. i. Asa,[7] b.
883. ii. Jedediah,[7] b.
884. iii. Eunice,[7] b.
885. iv. Moses,[7] b.
886. v. Aaron,[7] b.
887. vi. David,[7] b.
888. vii. Daniel,[7] b.
889. viii. William,[7] b.
890. ix. Dulcina,[7] b.
891. x. Daniel,[7] b.
892. xi. Alvira,[7] b.
893. xii. Lucy,[7] b.

(354.) Francis[6] Towne, Jr. (*Francis*,[5] (137.) *Daniel*,[4] (52.) *Joseph*,[3] (14.) *Edmund*,[2] (5) *William*,[1]), born at Topsfield, Sept. 1, 1767; married Relief Huston, Nov. 12, 1789. He probably removed with his father to Rindge, N. H., where is found recorded the birth of one daughter.

894. i. Charlotte,[7] b. Sept. 2, 1792.

He is said afterward to have removed to the State of New York.

(356.) Joshua[6] Towne (*Francis*,[5] (137.) *Daniel*,[4] (52.) *Joseph*,[3] (14.) *Edmund*,[2] (5.) *William*[1]), was born at Topsfield, Sept. 27, 1773; and married, April 1810, Mary, dau. of David Chadwick, who was born 1788, and died Jan. 10, 1865. He died Jan. 5, 1844, at Rindge. Their children were:

895. i. Phebe,[7] b. Jan. 21, 1811; m[d], Sept., 1835, Solomon F. Towne, No. 903.

896. ii. Maria L.,[7] b. Sept. 30, 1813; m[d], 1838, Levi Russell.

897. iii. Laura,[7] b. Jan. 3, 1815; d. Oct. 30, 1850; unmarried.

898. iv. Sophronia,[7] b. Nov. 19, 1818; m[d], Dec. 24, 1844, Stephen P. Patch.

899. v. Sarah M.,[7] b. March 27, 1821; d. March 7, 1853, unmarried.

900. vi. Joshua C.,[7] b. July 29, 1823; m[d] Eveline J. Brooks.

901. vii. Josiah T.,[7] b. April 5, 1826; m[d] Sibel Boardman, and d. April 27, 1862.

902. viii. Caroline R.,[7] b. July 15, 1830; d. July 18, 1832.

(360.) Greene[6] Towne (*Francis*,[5] (137.) *Daniel*,[4] (52.) *Joseph*,[3] (14.) *Edmund*,[2] (5.) *William*[1]), born May 25, 1782; married Lucy Rand, dau. of Capt. Solomon, Feb. 13, 1810. Their children were:

903. i. Solomon F.,[7] b. m[d], Sept. 1835, Phebe Towne, No. 895.

904. ii. Lucy M.,[7] b. m[d], June 3, 1847, Ben. F. Marvle.

905. iii. Sarah A.,[7] b. m[d], Nov. 19, 1839, A. A. Chamberlain.

906. iv. Charles,[7] b. m[d], Sept. 6, 1849, Susan S. Ellis.
907. v. Levi P.,[7] b. m[d] Emily Sawyer.
908. vi. Pliny F.,[7] b. m[d], Sept. 5, 1854, Calista A. Brooks.

SEVENTH GENERATION.

(900.) **Joshua C.[7] Towne** (*Joshua,[6] Francis,[5] Daniel,[4] Joseph,[3] Edmund,[2] William[1]*), born at Rindge, N. H., July 29, 1823; married Evelina J., dau. of Walton and Arethusa (*Piper*) Brooks, who was born Sept. 14, 1825. They were married June 7, 1846, and had children:

909. i. Emma H.,[8] b. Nov. 30, 1849.
910. ii. Clarence E.,[8] b. July 11, 1852.
911. iii. Ida B.,[8] b. March 13, 1858.

(903.) **Solomon F.[7] Towne** (*Greene,[6] Francis,[5] Daniel, Joseph,[3] Edmund,[2] William[1]*), was born at Rindge, N. H., and married in Sept., 1835, his first cousin, Phebe Towne, No. 895. They had son:

912. i. George W.,[8] b. who m[d] Lizzie Hill.

SIXTH GENERATION.

(602.) **Jonathan[6] Towne** (*Jonathan,[5]* (242.) *Jonathan,[4]* (94.) *Joseph,[3]* (30.) *Joseph,[2]* (9.) *William[1]*).

913. i. William B.[7] b.
914. ii.
915. iii.
916. iv.
917. v.
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919. vii.
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921. ix.
922. x.

(242.) Jonathan[5] Towne had a son Jonathan,[6] (602.) born Aug. 6, 1784, who married Clarissa Hoyt, daughter of Capt. John, of Concord, N. H.

They were the parents of William B.[7] (913.) Towne, Esq., of Milford, N. H., from whose collections, as published in the "N. E. Hist. and Gen. Reg.," a large portion of the preceding statements have been drawn.

The following notice of Jonathan[6] Towne, Esq., is taken from the "N. E. Hist. and Gen. Reg.," Volume xxix, page 326.

"JONATHAN TOWNE, Esq., a resident member, the father of William B. Towne, A.M., vice-president of this society for New Hampshire, was born at Amherst, N. H., in that part of the town now included in Milford, Aug. 6, 1784, and died of paralysis in the house in which he was born, Feb. 10, 1874, consequently at the very advanced age of 89 years. At the time of his death, he was the oldest citizen of Milford. The family is quite distinguished for longevity. Mr. Towne's father, Jonathan Towne (No. 241 in Towne Genealogy, *ante*, xxi, 222), died in 1842, at the age of 89 years —the very age of the subject of the present memoir. He, too, died in the house in which his son died. He had a brother who lived to be more than 90 years of age. (94.) Jonathan[5] Towne had three children, namely: Jonathan,[2] who died as stated, Feb. 10, 1874. David,[2] a resident of Claremont, N. H., who died in his 88th year, and Mary,[2] who resides in the old homestead, in her 86th year. Jonathan[2] Towne and Mary (Blanchard) Towne, his wife, had ten children, of whom eight are still living,—two of whom are William B. Towne, Esq., long connected with this society, and President of the Souhegan National Bank, of Milford, N. H., and John P. Towne, Esq., a prominent lawyer in Wisconsin. Mr. Towne, in early life, resided with his uncle, Mr. William Blanchard, a trader in Wilmington, Mass.; but afterward he bought a farm, in Bow, N. H., and

worked on his farm in the summer and taught school in the winter, and hence he was often called 'Master Towne.' In 1830, he removed to Milford, N. H., and remained there during the residue of his life. He was an active member of the Baptist church, in Milford, for forty-four years. He was an honorable man, a wise counsellor, and a highly respected citizen. He was a great reader, and voted at every election. He was first a federalist, then a whig, then a republican. He was also a temperance man. A few days before his death, his physician prescribed some stimulant. He took the prescription once, but the second time he said, 'I had rather not take it. I have been a temperance man for ninety years.'

"Mr. Towne married Miss Clarissa Hoyt, daughter of Capt. John Hoyt, of Concord, N. H. She was born Feb. 12, 1790, and was 84 years of age on the day of her husband's funeral. She is a woman of remarkable vigor of constitution, of sound judgment, and still manages her household affairs with the energy of her earlier days.

"At the funeral of Mr. Towne, two beautiful sheaves of grain, crossing each other, were laid upon the casket, surrounded by the words, 'We mourn not the gathered grain.'

"He was admitted to this society Dec. 4, 1871."

SEVENTH GENERATION.

(913.) William B.[7] Towne (*Jonathan*,[6] *Jonathan*,[5] *Jonathan*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Joseph*,[2] *William*[1]). Children:

923. i. William Henry,[8] b.
924. ii. Charles Edward,[8] b.
925. iii. Arthur French,[8] b.

Extracts from *N. E. Gen. Reg.*, Vol. xxxii, p. 9–20; Jan. 1878.

"WILLIAM BLANCHARD TOWNE, an efficient officer in the New England Historic, Genealogical Society, and the founder of the 'Towne Memorial Fund,' was born in Bow, N. H., Monday, Oct. 12, 1810. He was the eldest of ten

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children of Jonathan Towne, of whom a biographical sketch has been printed in the Register (Vol. xxix, 326);" see also, No. 602, on p. 104. "TOWNE FAMILY MEMORIAL; PART THREE."

"His mother, Clarissa Hoyt, daughter of Capt. John Hoyt, whose ancestry will be found in David W. Hoyt's genealogy of that family (see p. 83, of that work), is still (*1878*) living, in the eighty-eighth year of her age. She is a woman of remarkable vigor of body and mind. One who remembers her in her prime writes: 'She had not a peer within my knowledge.'"

William began to attend school at the age of five years, and attended it till he was twelve. He then remained at home, assisting on the farm during the summer, and going to school during the winter months, till he was fifteen. When he was about twelve years old, he began to have a strong desire to strike out for himself, and depend upon his own efforts to maintain himself.

When told by his father that a boy of his age could not get a living among strangers, he replied, "If you will let me try, I will never call on home for assistance to the value of a farthing." The spirit of self-reliance and desire to try his fortune in the world increased as he grew older, and he persuaded his mother to use her influence with his father to obtain permission to make a trial.

At length his wish was gratified. When he was sixteen years old, Dr. Josiah Crosby, of Concord, the family physician, was one day in Bow, at the house of Mr. Jonathan Towne, and expressed a wish to find a boy to take care of his horses and do errands for Mrs. McClary, with whom he boarded. Mr. Towne said he thought his son William would suit, and arrangements were made for the doctor to take him home on his next visit. As Dr. Crosby did not visit the family the next day, the boy became impatient, and packing his bundle started on foot for Concord, four miles distant.

The day of his leaving home he has himself recorded as the 20th of April, 1827. At the end of many months, his wardrobe was in need of being replenished, but he persistently refused to receive assistance from home.

Dr. Willard writes: "I remember that he told me that his father, at one time, brought him a pair of shoes, which he refused to accept. When his father said, "You will need them, and they were purposely made for you," he replied, "Well, I don't want them." His father then said, "If you will not take them I will give them to this boy;" and he did give them to a boy standing by.

When Mr. Towne told me this story he gave as a reason why he refused them, that he wished to give his hope of getting his own living a fair trial. In April, 1829, he entered the dry goods and grocery store of Wm. West, as a clerk, and continued in that employment, for different parties in Concord, till the 24th of July, 1834, when he left Concord for Boston, and engaged in the same employment. Meanwhile, as appears from his dairy, in 1831, he began to have decided religious impressions, and on Sunday, Jan. 1, 1832, he joined the First Congregational Church, in Concord, and engaged in Sabbath School work, in a part of the town called the Colony.

He early took a decided stand in the temperance and antislavery causes, which were then beginning to agitate the community. On one occasion, he refused to accept a desirable situation till he was assured that his employers did not intend to keep ardent spirits for sale. In religion he was a trinitarian congregationalist, and was dismissed from Rev. Dr. Bouton's church, in Concord, July 2, 1835, to the First Free Congregational Church, in Boston, then recently organized, of which Rev. Charles Fitch was the first pastor.

This church was of antislavery tendencies; and his feelings on this subject are manifest throughout his dairy. His friend, William Lloyd Garrison, thus writes, concern-

ing Mr. Towne's position: "He was an early subscriber to the *Liberator*, and remained such till the close of its existence. I hold his memory in fragrant remembrance." He held many offices of trust and responsibility, both in his native State of N. H. and in Mass. Was Assessor of Brookline, Mass., for five years, from 1863; represented Milford, N. H., in the Legislature, in 1873 and 1874; was chosen a director of the Souhegan National Bank, of Milford, Jan. 9, 1872, and the same day was elected president, which office he held till his death, faithfully performing its duties. He became a member of the N. E. Hist. and Gen. Society, Sept. 15, 1852. He was a director of the Society from 1861, and treasurer from 1861 to 1871; and was chairman of the finance committee after that date. In January, 1875, he was elected vice-president for the State of New Hampshire. He states in the introduction to his genealogy of the Towne family, which he left in manuscript, that his researches into family history commenced in 1827, when he was a lad at school; and in 1834, he prefixes to his dairy a record of his ancestors, running back to his grandfather's grandfather, Joseph[3] (*No. 30*), living in Topsfield in 1684. In 1844, he had prepared an extensive genealogy of the name of Towne, to which he continued to add till his death. About 1852, he had printed, for private distribution, a large genealogical chart, giving a record of the families of all his ancestors bearing the surname of Towne, and ending with that of his own family. On the 28th of March, 1866, he sailed for Europe, and after making a tour of about four months in the land of his ancestors, and on the continent, he returned to Boston in July, of that year." It was, doubtless, during this visit to England that Mr. Towne, obtained the Historical Memoranda, with which he so greatly enriched the early history of the family. "In this same year, he commenced printing in the REGISTER, (xx. 367–71; xxi. 12–22, 217–222), a full genealogy of the Townes; but the publication was suspended before the

completion of the fourth generation. The remainder of the work is preserved in manuscript, and is now deposited with the New Eng. Hist. Gen. Society.

On the 15th of June, 1842, Mr. Towne married Miss Nancy French Hill, daughter of Jeremiah Hill, a commission merchant in Boston. She was born Nov. 26, 1817, and was the seventh generation in descent from Ralph Hill, an early inhabitant of Billerica, Mass. About the year 1846, he removed to Brookline, Mass. Here his wife died May 3, 1858, at the age of forty. On the 23d of April, 1867, he was married at Washington, D. C., by the Rev. Charles B. Boynton, D.D., chaplain of the U. S. House of Representatives; to Miss Jenny S. Putnam, daughter of Daniel Putnam, of Milford; and sister of the wife of Hon. Bainbridge Wadleigh. He then removed to the village of Milford, N. H.; where he continued to reside till his death, which took place at the residence of his son, at Jamaica Plain, Boston, Mass., April 10, 1876, at the age of sixty-five. He left a widow, and also three sons, all members of the legal profession, namely: Wm. Henry, of Boston, and Charles Edward and Arthur French (a life member of the N. E. H. G. Soc.), of Chicago." Mr. Towne established an enduring monument to his own memory, and that, of the family, by the commencement of the "Towne Memorial Fund," by his own donations, which fund, now in the hands of the Society, amounts to over four thousand dollars." (It is to be hoped that some of the more wealthy members of the family, when they shall have ascertained their relationship, may feel moved to add to this fund, and thus provide the means to continue a record of the descendants of WILLIAM[1] TOWNE and JOANNA BLESSING, in full, to coming generations.)—E. H. Chicago, Aug., 1880.

(657.) The children of Rejoice F.[7] and Elizabeth C. (*Sessions*) Towne, of Union, Conn., were:

926. i. Andrew,[8] b. June 28, 1844; d. April 4, 1871.

927. ii. Nelson,[8] b. Dec. 25, 1845.
928. iii. Albert,[8] b. Nov. 28, 1847; d. Oct. 24, 1852.
929. iv. Horace,[8] b. Feb. 19, 1850; m[d], Nov. 25, 1873, Miss Florence Bidwell, who was b. Aug., 1854.
930. v. Frank,[8] b. Sept. 4, 1852.
931. vi. Infant,[8] b. April 5, 1855; d. Oct. 22, 1856.
932. vii. George,[8] b. June 8, 1862.

EIGHTH GENERATION.

(929.) The child of Horace[8] and Florence (*Bidwell*) Towne, of Union, Conn., was:

933. i. Arthur Horace,[9] b. Oct. 15, 1874.

SIXTH GENERATION.

(432.) Rev. Salem[6] Towne, L.L.D. (*Israel*,[5] (161.) *Israel*,[4] (63.) *John*,[3] (20.) *Jacob*,[2] (5) *William*[1]), was born at Belchertown, Mass., March 5, 1779; married, March 26, 1807, Abagail King, who was born Oct. 12, 1781, and died, while on a visit to her daughter at Gallipolis, O., Dec. 7, 1840, in her 60th year. They lived at Granville, Washington Co., N. Y., until 1829, when they removed to Aurora. They had 7 children, all born in Granville, N. Y.:

940. i. Mandelbert,[7] b. March 17, 1808; d. April 14, same year.
941. ii. Celine Rebecca,[7] b. March 5, 1809; m[d] Dr. Elisha Morgan, May 12, 1831. Lives at Gallipolis, O.; have 5 sons and 1 daughter.
942. iii. Christopher Yates,[7] b. June 12, 1812; m[d] Sarah Requa, Sept. 20, 1835. Died in Aurora, Nov. 18, same year.
943. iv. Harriet Newell,[7] b. May 5, 1815; m[d] Francis Hart, June 16, 1845. Lives in South Brooklyn, N. Y.
944. v. Salem Palmer,[7] b. Sept. 19, 1816; m[d] Louisa

M. Case, Oct. 8, 1844. Lives at New Albany, Ind.

945. vi. Rufus Rowe,[7] b. Aug. 13, 1820; m[d] Frances Kirkwood, Oct. 28, 1846. Lives in Paoli, Ind.

946. vii. Beriah King,[7] b. April 7, 1822; d. Feb. 27, 1824; in his 2d year.

Rev. Mr. Towne received a classical education, and obtained, at college, the degree of Master of Arts; and later in life, that of Doctor of Laws. For some years, he was principal of an Academy, and his writings, mostly on educational subjects, give evidence that he was endowed with more than ordinary abilities. Mackey's "Lexicon of Freemasonry" says of him, "He was ardently attached to Freemasonry, and was, for many years, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter and Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery of New York. In 1818, he published a small work of 283 pages, entitled, A system of Speculative Masonry. This work is, of course, tinged with the legendery ideas of the origin of the Institution, prevalent at that period, and would not now be accepted as authorative; but it contains, outside of its historical errors, many valuable and suggestive thoughts. Brother Towne was highly respected for his many virtues, the consistency of his life, and his unwearied devotion to the masonic order."

He was the author of "Towne's Speller" and "Towne's Analysis," two of the first works of the kind ever printed in the English language; and, in the opinion of many excellent teachers, two of the best.

He died at Greencastle, Indiana, Feb. 24, 1864, at the age of 85.

SIXTH GENERATION.

(161.) (63.) (20.) (4)

(824). Abner[6] Towne (*Israel*,[5] *Israel*,[4] *John*,[3] *Jacob*,[2] *William*[1]), born at Belchertown, Mass., July 18, 1767, and

married Kezia Fairfield. They resided at Belchertown, where he died, April 28, 1828, aged 61. No list of their children has been obtained; but there seems to be no reasonable doubt that the following, from the "VINTON MEMORIAL," p. 199, is in relation to one of them:

947. Abner,[7] b. April 16, 1797; m[d] Sarah Eliza Vinton.

SEVENTH GENERATION.

"SARAH ELIZA VINTON, dau. of Abiather and Sarah Vinton, of South Hadley, b. April 2, 1801; m[d] May 10, 1825, Rev. ABNER TOWNE, b. in Belchertown, Mass., April 16, 1797; who d. at Litchfield, County of Herkimer, N. Y., June 19, 1826, æ. 29."

"Mr. Towne grad. at Union Coll., Schenectady; studied divinity at Andover; was ordained pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Litchfield, aforesaid, in July, 1825, and d. there as above, in the midst of his usefulness, greatly lamented, in eleven months after his ordination." *

After the death of her husband, Wid. Sarah E. *(Vinton)*

* Foot notes on page 199, "VINTON MEMORIAL," give the following:

"An illustration of the character of Rev. Mr. Towne, we quote the subjoined extract from the WESTERN RECORDER, under date of June 27, 1826. This was a religious newspaper, of much reputation, at the time, edited by Thomas Hastings, the celebrated composer and teacher of Church Music, and published at Utica, N.Y., under the patronage, and for the benefit of, the Western Education Society and Auburn Theological Seminary."

"Died, on Monday evening, the 19th inst., in Litchfield, County of Herkimer, Rev. Abner Towne, æ. 29.—His sickness was short and distressing, partaking deeply of a bilious affection. He had preached twice on Sabbath, the 11th instant, and attended a third meeting in the evening; on each of which occasions it was noticed that he appeared unusually engaged, and seemed to be standing very near to the bar of final account. His remains were consigned to the grave on Wednesday, the 21st instant, amidst a numerous and deeply affected concourse of people. An appropriate sermon was delivered on the occasion, by Rev. Mr. Waters, of Paris, from Phil. i. 23. 'For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ, which is far better."

"Mr. Towne has been the pastor of the church in Litchfield, only eleven

Towne, m[d] as second wife, Dr. Robert Safford, a native of Poultney, Vt., and afterward a resident at Gallipolis, Gallia County, O.; and, later, at Putnam, Muskingum Co., in the same State.

(947.) The only child of Rev. Abner and Sarah E. *(Vinton)* Towne, was:

948. i. Henry Abner,[8] b. at Litchfield, N.Y., Jan. 5, 1826.

A practising lawyer, at Portsmouth, Ohio.

months.* How sudden his departure from the altar to the bar of God! But it was the departure of one who was 'ready' and willing 'to be offered.' He lived for Christ, and died in the triumphant hope of a glorious immortality. He rests from his labors, and in truth may it be said that 'his works do follow him;' since the spirit of God is copiously descending there to quicken His people and convert sinners to the knowledge of the truth."

Another obituary notice of Mr. Towne says: "A beloved pastor has been removed from his flock, at a time when his labors were peculiarly needed and particularly blessed. Thus it is that God 'destroyeth the hope of man'."

* He preached in Litchfield, two years in all; and died in eleven months after his ordination.

Six Lines of the Decendants of **William** and **Joanna Towne**; arranged to show their Consanguinity for Eight Generations:

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.
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			(63.) Israel.	(161.) Israel, Jr.	(432.) Rev. Salem.	(944.) Salem P.	
	(6.) Jacob.		(65.) Ephraim.	(166.) Edmund.	(443.) Edmund, Jr.	(776.) John.	(783.) Henry.
		(20.) John.	(66.) Jonathan.	(168.) Jacob.	(452.) Hon. Salem	(672.) Gen. Salem.	(677.) Wm. M.
				(174.) Josiah.	(464.) Josiah, Jr.	(688.) Leonard.	(698.) Leonard, Jr.
						(690.) Susanna.	
			(70.) John, Jr.	(189.) Simon.	(487.) Joel.	(653.) Nelson P.	(658.) Alban N.

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